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US fails to sway UK and Germany nful kick

G7 pledges to strengthen global growth

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE leading industrialised nations yesterday promised to strengthen global economic growth. expressing hopes for an end to the world-wide recession and a return to business confidence.

America failed, however, at the meeting of the Group persuade Germany, Britain and other European countries to back a strategy based on co-ordinated curs in interest rates.

In a communicate the G7 ministers expressed concern that economic activity had weakened since their meeting in October, but confidence that "the conditions for improved global growth" now existed. They agreed to pur-sue policies that would revive business and consumer confidence around the world. David Mulford, a senior US Treasury official, said: "This communique is a positive sig-nal for US economic growth and for global growth

Pierre Beregovoy, the French finance minister, hailed the communique as a

Art makes a killing

Trading standards officers have received complaints wealthy dealer who offers "original oils and watercolours" and "rare, himited-edition prints" at bargain prices, a Times investigation has disclosed.

The activities of Alan Barker have also come to the attention of the Fine Art Trade Guild, which is concerned that customers at some sales are not get-

Sunday sales at a price

Shops opening seven days a week may be forced to pay higher rates to reflect the enlarged opportunities for profit, under a scheme being considered by ministers in an attempt to regain the initiative over Sunday

Forecourt steal

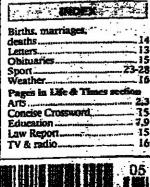
The number of stolen cars offered for sale or trade in to dealers has risen by 300 per cent as garages are drawn into an illicit trade involving thousands of Page 5

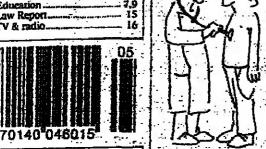
Honest Bill

Bill Climon, the lavourite to win the Democratic presidential nomination, says he is being victimised for having had the honesty

FA Cup draw

Chelsea beat Everton I-0 in the FA Cup fourth round yesterday and earned a home tie against either Charlton Athletic or Sheffield Wednesday, who drew 0-0, when the draw was made for the figh ____ Page 28





breakthrough. "Today we made a commitment to do everything to accelerate the recovery of the world economy," he told journalists at Garden City, Long Island. "This is the most important

British officials hoped that the concerted view would add to pressure for lower German interest rates, easing ster-ing's position in the ERM. Norman Lamont, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, said: "There was a strong note of confidence expressed, partic-ularly by the Americans." But Germany was less ebullient. and expressed reservations.
Officials insisted that they had not agreed to any changes in policies or other specific actions.

After discussing the eco-nomic crisis in the former Soviet Union, the G7 also held out the hope for the first time that Russia and other former Soviet republics could be admitted to the International Monetary Fund and World Bank within the next few months, perhaps by

April.
In the unusually long five-page communique with which the meeting conclud-ed, each of the seven member. countries was supposed to spell out the specific measures it would take to contribute to world growth. However, the detailed proposals pur forwant by each country were all nounced policies. Britain, in formula used by the Chancelfor in the Commons last week, welcoming the fall in underly-ing inflation and stating that the conditions for a resumption of growth have been established".

In London government officials held out the hope that the communiqué would reinforce the view that German interest rates would start moving downwards and take pressure off sterling in the BRM. Some City analysis have begun to speculate about the possibility of a small cut in interest rates

THE world will be plunged

into water wars unless there is

consensus on how to share

more fairly the Earth's strictly

limited resources, a United

Nations conference in Dublin

A water shock, similar to

the oil shocks of the Seventies,

is needed to alert the world to

the global problem of fresh water supplies, the confer-ence of water experts from

more than 150 countries was

told. Wars, as well as large-

scale disease and famine, are

likely to result from the forth-

coming strain on supplies, senior UN figures maintained.

The conference, which

poened vesterday and lasts all

week; is regarded as the most

important meeting on water supplies held. Its avowed pur-

was told yesterday.

around the time of the Budget on March 10. However, Germany's fi-

nance minister and central bank governor went out of their way to deny they had made any promises to ease monetary policy or even to give more weight to international factors in making decisions on German interest rates. The communique did say that Germany might have "room for lower interest rates" in the future, but this concession was hedged about with conditions which are unlikely to be satisfied for some time. The Bundesbank said it would need to see lower budget deficits, slower growth in the money supply, weaker de-mand for credit and an easing of wage pressures before it could lower rates.

The communique welcomed Germany's "ongoing efforts" to reduce its large budget deficit and also expressed "hope for wage mod-eration". But the German government said that it would liscontinue an income tax surcharge imposed last year to reduce the budget deficit and added that it would introduce new tax incentives to boost residential construction and industrial investment.

The government promised to offset the cost of these measures, as well as a new family tax credit, with unspecified cuts in defence and other areas of public spending. Taken as a whole, the sharp reduction in Germany's budget deficit was in

The meeting also considered Russia's request for a \$7 billion currency stabilisation fund to support the convertibility of the rouble. But the finance ministers made no reference to this in their communique, agreeing that specific requests for large-scale aid should wait until Russia became an IMF member.

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pose is to put water alongside

oil on the international agen-

da, and to sketch for the first

time the outline of a world

water policy.
The World Meteorological

Organisation, one of 24 UN

agencies taking part, said in a

conference preliminary paper: There is no doubt

that over the course of the

next few decades the prob-

lems of availability of clean

water will assume crisis pro-

director of the UN environ-

ment programme, went fur-

ther and spoke directly of

out that by the year 2050 ten

water wars to come. Pointing

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Mostafa Tolba, executive

portions in most regions."

World risking wars

over water, UN told

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN DUBLIN



Twenty years on: relatives of the 14 people killed by the army on "Bloody Sun-day" in 1972 attending a memorial service after a march by several thousand through Londonderry yes-terday. Some family mem-bers refused to take part because they claimed that the march had been hijacked for propaganda purposes by Sinn Fein and

the IRA (Edward Gorman writes). For the first time, marchers this year fol-lowed the original route into Guildhall Square. Among several speakers. Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, told the crowd that the shootings were cre" of innocent people.

part of a "planned massa-Brooke's meeting, page 2 Letters, page 13

Tories' poll lead points to **April 9** election

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives have taken a small but solid lead in the pre-election battle, increasing the likelihood of an April 9 election, pollsters said

A Mori poll in The Sunday Times, showing the Conservatives moving from a 6-point deficit a month ago to a 3point lead, meant that all the veekend polls had shown the Conservatives in front and appeared to represent a significant shift in opinion.

The 20 polls taken between the end of October and last week showed the Conservatives averaging 40 per cent, Labour 43 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 14 per cent. The three polls taken last week, involving a combined sample of more than 6,000 people, showed the Conservatives averaging 41 per cent, Labour 39 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 15.5 per cent.

Robert Worcester, chairman of Mori, said: "It cannot now be said that the polls are giving a confused message These latest ones are clear and politically very and important."

The Mori poll would have given the Conservatives a majority of about nine seats. The most significant factor appears to have been an increase in economic optimism from minus 17 per cent last month to minus 1 per cent this

The weekend's polls will prompt an all-out effort by Labour this week to regain the initiative with a warning of "bombshell" increases in VAT and the poll tax.

which the Conservatives in-tend to highlight John Maior's stature as a national and world leader, Mr Major today will launch an attempt to restore confidence in the police and other public services.

Amid signs from the polls that the Tory assault on its taxation plans has made an important impact, Labour leaders this week will launch a campaign under the slogan You'll be better off under Labour', emphasising the Continued on page 16, col 8

Peter Riddell, page 12

LIFE & TIMES

TODAY THE TIMES **CHANGES SHAPE**

The Times today comes in three parts: the main paper, business and sport, and a new section, in colour, called Life & Times. This will enable us to expand our coverage of the arts and entertainment, health, education, the law and other topical features. The Law Report, the Times Personal column, the concise crossword, chess and the daily television and radio guide move to this third section. We have also given more space to social news and obituaries.

This follows a series of changes including more home and foreign news, greater business coverage, a revitalised Saturday paper and the Times Millennium typeface. With the new colour presses, The Times can now offer readers and advertisers an unparalleled service for the 1990s, a paper for our lives and

TODAY

John Major's music choices for Desert Island Discs are the talk of the listening classes, but what do they tell us about the man? Richard Morrison turns psychologist





Nicki Almond, 27, kicked the make-up habit four years ago - and others are following suit, applauded by both sexes. The Looks page gets under the skin of the trend

Kenneth Clarke's "three wise men" have delivered their verdicts on primary education. Will they be heard, or heeded? Education Times puts their report to the test



THIS WEEK



Times with a weekly interview. Regular pages such as health, media, science, property and motoring will appear in the new section

John Diamond is one of a team of writers, including Libby Purves (today) and Neil Lyndon, who will pause from the daily grind and ponder their Life & Times



I.Q. of 145 and Can't Remember?

A FAMOUS international publisher reports that there is a simple technique for acquiring a powerful memory which can pay you real dividends

in both business and social advancement, It works like magic to give you added poise, self-confidence and greater popularity.

The details of this method are described in his fascinating booklet, 'Adventures in Memory", sent free on

According to this publisher, many people do not ealise how much they can influence others simply by remembering accurately everything they see, hear or read. Whether in business. at social functions, or even in casual conversation with new acquaintances, there are ways in which you can dominate each situation simply by your ability to remember.

For example, you need never forget another appointment - ever! You can learn names, faces, facts, figures and foreign ianguages faster than you ever thought possible. Whole books and plays will be indelibly imprinted on your memory after a single reading. You'll be more successful in your studies and examinations. At parties and dinners you will never again be at a loss for appro-



dent in everything you say and do. These are only a few of the ways in which you will benefit by possessing a trained memory.

To acquaint all readers of follow rules for developing skill in remembering, we, the publishers, have printed foll details of this interesting self-training method in a fascinating booklet, "Adventures in Memory", sent free on request. No obligation. No salesman will call. Just fill in and return the coupon on Page 2 (you don't even need to stamp your envelope), or write to: Memory and Concentration Studies (Dept. TSM42), FREEPOST, Manchester, M3 8BA.

Baker asks for Berry case appeal

peal Court to consider reviewfor supplying electronic timers to Syria in 1981, after a campaign by supporters to prove his innocence. Bernard Times six months ago.

Berry, aged 55, of Bramer-ton, Norfolk, has won one appeal against conviction, but the Crown took the case to the Lords and the conviction was reinstated. Since then, he has been trying to get the Appeal Court to reopen his case. He appealed on four grounds and had the conviction overturned on the first; and now wants a further appeal on the other three grounds.

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, has asked the Aping the case of John Berry. who is serving six years' jail Levin wrote of his case in The

Cosmonauts' strike adds to Sergei's woe FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

LIFE has dealt a double blow to Sergei Krikalev, the cosmo-naut still orbiting the Earth in the Mir space station after 270 days. He was sent into space by a country (the Soviet Union) which is no more; he is reportedly unwell; and his home 200 miles in space is

becoming increasingly faulty.

As if all this were not bad enough, his colleagues back on Earth - the men who are supposed to supply him and ultimately to rescue him if necessary — yesterday an-nounced that they were plan-ning to go on strike today in support of a pay claim.
The token strike will affect

only mission control at Star City. outside Moscow. But Russian television said that cosmonauts in training were considering joining in. The Appeal decision, page 2 space technicians who will

strike say that their salaries of 600 roubles a month (£200 at the official rate of late last year, and a great deal less in real purchasing power) have not been increased since prices were freed at the beginning of the month. They have fallen from being from one of the most highly paid groups to one of the lowest.

The strike, timed to follow today's expected docking of a cargo spacecraft with Mir. appears to be mainly a publicity exercise. The cosmonauts are already conducting talks on a pay rise.

Space technicians are the latest of many groups of Russian workers to threaten first a warning disruption, then an all-out strike. If the doom-Continued on page 16, col 3

Arms talks, page 10

Beware: experts are bad for your health



of heart disease. The hazards could be reduced if you become a Mormon, get your divorced parents to remarry, give up chlorinated water, eat garlic and

drink more, or perhaps less, milk.

The advice may be hard to follow, but so are the utterances of medical experts, according to a book published today that suggests that the nation is gripped by a "health panic" generated by often-contradictory advice from researchers. Petr Skrabanek, one of the book's

contributors, says: "There is an epidemic of epidemiologists who are short of diseases suitable for their investiga-

tions." He lists 246 recorded risk fac-

tors for heart disease, which also

include being illegitimate, short, Jew-

known. Smoking, drinking and sex are the three main causes, he says. The trouble is that other researchers argue that 70 per cent of cancers are caused by diet. "Considering how many cancers exist, and how many items of diet can be entered into the game, the number of possible combinations is staggering."

Dr Skrabanek, reader in community health at Trinity College, Dublin, writes in Health, Lifestyle and Environment: Countering the Panic: "Risk factors have nothing to do with causes. They are risk markers, but they are neither sufficient nor necessary to explain the risk. Thus, for example, the possession of a driving licence is a risk marker for death in a car accident, and homosexuality a risk marker for Aids."

The book allows other sceptical contributors to poke fun at recent contradictory research findings, including evidence that alcohol is both good and bad for heart disease and that, while caffeine may cause cancer, decaffeinated coffee may make matters worse.

The book asks: "Why are the healthiest, longest lived nations on Earth so panicked about their health?" The an-swer, it suggests, lies in researchers with dubious or confused motives presenting complicated research to a public that does not know much about science. "Unable to weigh the statistics, society puts its faith in 'conclusive evidence' and believes that, if it takes enough precautions, it can avoid death altogether," the book says.

Health, Lifestyle and Environment: Countering the Panic (Social Affairs Unit, 30 Old Burlington Street, London WIX ILB; £9.95)

Burlington Street. London WIX ILB; £9.95

ish, poorly educated, well-off, unfaithful By Thomson Prentice MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT and averse to mackerel. Cancer experts are just as bad. "The message comes across loud and clear that the causes of cancer are well BALD, tectotal snorers with slow beard growth, vasectomies and intelligent wives beware: you are at increased risk

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Castaway Major denies job was delivered to him

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday bristled at suggestions that Margaret Thatcher had "delivered" the prime ministership to him, or that he regretted having overturned some of the policies most closely associated with her.

In his appearance on the 50th anniversary edition of Radio Four's Desert Island Discs, he said he had no idea whether he could have achieved the premiership without Mrs Thatcher's help. He strongly disagreed, however, when it was put to him that Mrs Thatcher had more or less delivered the job to him: "I

prime minister's job and the votes of 300-plus MPs to anybody else."

He said: "The House of Commons is like a small village. Everyone there knows everyone else very well indeed. They know their strengths and weakness, and what to expect from them. Everybody knew a great deal about me. They knew who I was and what I stood

Sue Lawley, the presenter, sug-gested that that he must sometimes have wondered about Mrs Thatcher's reactions to his policies - for example, when the poll tax was dropped. Mr Major replied: "No. That is not so. Every prime minister

jailed for eight years at

Chelmsford crown court in

1983, a sentence subsequent-

ly reduced to six years. The

jury failed to reach a verdict

on a similar charge against Jeffrey Smith, who had man-ufactured the timing devices. At a retrial, Mr Smith was

discharged after the judge

ruled that, since the timers

were to be used outside Brit-

ain, no offence against Brit-

ish law had been committed.

In his original appeal, Berry's lawyer argued that the English courts had no juris-

diction over an offence to be

committed in the Middle

East; that the judge had wrongfully refused to order further details of the Crown

case; that the jury's verdict

inconsistent with its failure to

reach a decision in Mr

Smith's case, and that the

evidence of an expert witness

was unsafe because terrorism

had not been defined during

The appeal court over-

turned the conviction after

accepting the first argument.

but it did not make a decision on the three further points.

The Crown appealed to the House of Lords on the juris-

diction argument, and it reinstated the conviction. While

the case was being heard,

Berry fled to Spain but, in 1989, he wa

ported to complete his

He applied to the appeal

court to "relist" his case so

that decisions could be made

on the other three arguments but, in October 1990, Lord

Justice Watkins, sitting with

Mr Justice Lincoln and Mr

Justice Tucker, refused to re-

open the case. Lord Justice

Watkins said that it would be

extraordinary if the appeal

court could overturn the

Lords's decision by again

quashing the conviction.

the trial.

about what is right. Everyone must take their own decisions. Events move on. Prime ministers make events happen, and they have to respond to events."

It was the only overtly political interlude in a broadcast in which Mr Major sketched out more details of his early days, revealed a surprising impetuosity over some of the big decisions in his life and confirmed more graphically than before his obsession with cricket.

He chose as the luxury on his desert island a full-size replica of the Oval cricket ground, complete with bowling machine, on which he would be able to bat and bowl to his mentary of Don Bradman's dismissal in his last Test in England.

He also indicated that today's 'Honest John" nickname might be more apposite than thought. At the age of 12, he explained, he was sent to place bets on behalf of his neighbours with an illicit bookie who plied his trade in Loughborough Junction station. That happened two or three times, until my father discovered it - and no more."

He disclosed that when his mother was pregnant with him she thought she had indigestion. "My mother was very slender. She had been a dancer in her youth. She

ing of indigestion, and he informed her it was not indigestion, but that she was seven months pregnant." He proposed to his wife Norma after knowing her for only three

Mr Major chose to take with him Anthony Trollope's The Small House at Allington, and not The Prime Minister by the same author. His music choices ranged from Diana Ross to Elgar. A true politician his final choice was Frank Sinatra's The Best is Yet to Come.

> Matthew Parris, Diary, page 12 Middlebrow Masterclass. Life & Times section, page 1

Piper oil families abandon action

Relatives and survivors of the Piper Alpha disaster have giv. en up trying to privately pros-ecute the platform operator Occidental for culpable homicide, they announced last night. They criticised Scotland's senior law officer for failing to prosecute the company over the world's worst oil industry tragedy, which claimed the lives of 167 men. Legal advisers had warned the Piper Alpha Families' and Survivors' Association that the chances of securing a conviction had been reduced by a failure to obtain all avail able evidence and by the sale of the rig company. Associtreasurer Ann Gillanders, who lost her husband in the July 1988 trage dy, said. The anger and binterness caused by the Lord Advocate's failure to prose cure will never subside."

The association plans in

present its legal opinions to all political parties in the hope of promoting reforms. Mrs Gillanders said the group would now work for Disaster Action, the national organisation which seeks to

Greens to part

Sir Allan Green, the former director of public prosecuhe and his wife, Eva, are to Primrose Hill, north London

Eight injured

driver was involved in a series

The Northern Ireland Office still holds the view that no new form of government in Belfast will work unless all the main participants are in agreement with its principles and practice, and that trying to impose from above is not practical unless all the parties to the negotiations request that it should be done. The Northern Ireland Of-

fice also believes, unlike many independent observers, that a settlement is likely while Ian Paisley and Jim Molyneaux remain at the head of the two unionist parties. It was being stressed yesterday that both the unionist leaders and John Hume of the SDLP and John Alderdice of the Alliance have shown that they are serious about understanding each other's positions and capable of making compromises to reach consensus. In short, the political will does exist, the government be-

ceed is further evidence that

his approach is wrong and

that a new policy is called for

- for example, attempting a

so called imposed solution -

Mr Brooke himself is still

thought to be convinced that

agreement is possible and will

tions who resigned last Octo-ber after being stopped by police for alleged kero-crawling, confirmed last right than separate after 24 years. Speaking from his home in he said: The arrangement is a completely amicable one. The house is on the market and we hope to sell."

Cocaine found

Two men were remanded in custody after customs officers made what is believed to be their first seizure of cocaine in Northern Ireland - two kilo-grams worth E500,000. Jernoh Egbedovin, aged 50, and Francis Akirola Oyo. aged 51, from Nigeria, ap-peared before a special count last night after flying into Belfast airport from Amster-dam. They will appear before magistrates on Wednesday.

hospital one with serious head injuries, after a teenage of crashes as he attempted to etude police vehicles in the early hours of yesterday. The youth, who was driving a car with three passengers on board, reversed into a police car and hit two stationary vehicles before colliding with a minicab in Briston, south

Business boost Small businesses will benefit from the problems of the property market, a survey by the National Westminster Bank says. Prices and rents should fall over the next three months and more properties suitable for small businesses should become available

Some 44 per cent of property valuers contacted expected prices to fall and 53 per cent said that they would stay the

First salmon

Robert McCready, aged 17, from Hoarwithy, Hereford and Worcester, caught a 171b 8 oz sairoon at 1.30pm on the Wye yesterday, the first day of the season. His father, Alastair McCready, landlord of the New Harp Inn, said: Catching such a big fish was a real surprise. In a good year you would expect to take several thousand salmon on the Letters, page 13 | Wye. Last year the catch was probably in the hundreds."

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Youthful protest: children joining in a Sunday trading demonstration organised by Usdaw, the shop workers' union, at Sainsbury's in Walthamstow, east London, yesterday. Stores threatened, page

Bishop condemns job cuts

THE Bishop of Durham na again yesterday to attack the government for permit-ting the loss of 1,300 jobs in the Yorkshire coalfield. Allowing the cuts to go ahead was "short-term and stupid". the Right Rev David Jenkins told BBC Radio 4 (Bill Frost

He said it was incredible after all the investment in the Yorkshire pits that British Coal had announced the loss of so many jobs. "We have become dominated by bottom-line profits in the next

year only," he added. The bishop's diocese last summer offered to act as a guarantor for £500,000 being provided to enable workers to take 25 per cent in a company formed to take

aim to restart Irish talks By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT the process to a clean halt.
While some outside observinitiative on Northern Ireto resume talks after polling. land is expected to be put on if Labour is returned to power ers will conclude that Mr Brooke's latest failure to pro-

hold today until after the general election. Peter Brooke, the Northern reland secretary, will meet at east three constitutional party leaders at Westminster this

afternoon, but a breakthrough is not thought likely. He said the government hopes the party leaders will agree that low-level contacts with the Northern Ireland Office should continue, with preparatory background work by the parties, so that a new administration will be

able to resume the initiative after the election. The main stumbling block

is uncertainty over the outa company formed to take come of the election. Union-over a Sunderland shipyard.

with its commitment to "unity by consent" in Ireland. The SDLP argues that it is unfair for it to begin formal talks.

Election delays Brooke

and reveal its negotiating position on, say, power sharing and devolution, if the unionists retain the right to pull out when it suits them. Official sources said yester

day that the government did not hold either unionists or nationalists responsible for what was being presented as the latest delay. The two sides were considered to be holding mutually exclusive positions on the implications of the election, both of which were

being accepted as "under-standable and reasonable." The sources also underlined

Whales 'should be privatised'

WHALES and elephants should be privatised to save

them from extinction, the Adam Smith Institute, the free-market think tank, suggests today.

Whales could be tagged

with individual radio transmitters before being auctioned off to companies. groups, who would be able to maintain their property rights in the open sea, the

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT should be sold to private owners to be legally raised, bred and killed at maturity for their ivory tusks, doing away with the ivory black market, the principal incentive for

> In a report that is radical even by its own standards, the institute claims that private property rights in endangered wild animals would give people an economic interest in conserving them, whereas, at present, their lack

of ownership leads to over-exploitation. "One never hears of cattle or dogs being on the verge of extinction." says the report, written by Robert Taylor of the University of Chicago. "Extinction is not a threat for such animals precisely because they are privately owned. Their owners have a vested interest in keeping them alive and healthy for either productive purposes (carrie) or private pleasure

lieves, for real progress this

Elder statesmen rue passing of the old order

PUT together three old Balliol men with 115 years' collective experience in the House of Commons. and what do you get? Complaints that things are not as they

used to be. Edward Heath, Denis Healey and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. reminiscing on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend yesterday, achieved all-party agreement on the proposition that, in the era when the three were at the height of their careers. the Westminster chamber was better-mannered, better conducted, and altogether less of an unseemly bearpit. Why, you could tell a chap's party just by looking at him. Or so Roy said.

"In the old days, the party divide was a social divide. Broadly speaking, in the Fifties, without knowing who he was, you could tell a Conservative MP from a Labour MP by looking at him, by looking at how he was dressed and at his general apperance."

Denis agreed, although ac-knowledging the inevitability of change as social divisions blurred. "Now you have lots of people on the Tory benches who look as if they are Labour, and on our side who look as if they might be Tory - but not quite so many. The average appearance is scruffy middle class." Looking like a Tory today,

Roy thought, meant looking like Peter Brooke, although he was obliged to admit that the Northern Ireland secretary, who favours the kind of indestructible hand-medown three-piece suit beloved of the landed gentry. was the exception. The essence of Mr Brooke, Denis said, was a sense of noblesse oblige. which Margaret Thatcher had destroyed in

the Tory party and which had more or less vanished from the cabinet with the retirement of Willie Whitelaw. Ted was more concerned

with weightier matters, especially the standards of speaking and of behaviour in the chamber. "The standard has changed dramatically. It is surprising, in a way, that television has not produced a better House of Commons. The shouting, the booing and the remarks are horrifying. and in the long term will be

immensely damaging."
In his heyday, he said, the back benches contained many more landowners and prominent industrialists. who attended dutifully and spoke little, but when they did speak made an impact. Nowadays there were far too many flattering planted questions from backbench-

ers to the prime minister. Intelligent debate, with cutand-thrust and proper winding-up speeches before a thing of the past. Roy sug-gested. "Now it is a quick snap question to the prime minister, and a quick snap answer to it. It is the soundbite technique (of television) introduced into the House of

One of the few detectable areas of dissent in almost thirty minutes of leisurely mannered riposte.

cud-chewing occurred when Denis suggested that the de-cision of Roy and his friends to leave the Labour party and packed house, was largely a set up the SDP was the cause of their old party lurching leftwards towards its extrem-

ist end. "The shift to extremism in Labour was the cause of the split, not a result of it." Roy retorted snappily. By the standards of some presentday Commons debate, it was an elegant, gracious and

LQ of 145 and Can't Remember FROM PAGE - Concentration Studies, (Bept. ISM42., FREE-BOST, Manchester, MS 686.



THE home secretary has asked the Court of Appeal to

consider reviewing the case of

a businessman serving a six-

year jail sentence after being

convicted of making explosive

Kenneth Baker has acted

after a nine-year attempt by

John Berry and his support-

ers to prove that he is inno-

cent. His case was highlighted by Bernard Levin

in an article entitled "Judges who flee from the path of justice", published in The

another man freed, after they

had been charged with making explosive substances. Ber-

ry won his appeal, but the

Crown went to the House of

Lords, which reinstated the

conviction and Berry subse-quently failed to get the ap-

peal court to reopen his case. Last night, friends of Berry

were hopeful that Mr Baker's

intervention would lead to an

Times six months ago. He was convicted, and

explosives case By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT timers to the Syrian government in 1981. Berry, aged 55, from Bramerton, Nor-

folk, is in Swaleside prison on

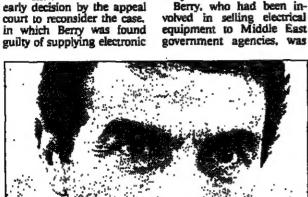
Baker tells appeal

court to reconsider

the Isle of Sheppey. He is expected to make an early application for bail. Lisa Berry, his daughter, said she was pleased that Mr Baker had been persuaded to seek advice from the appeal court. She said: "Obviously I am happy that the case is going back to the appeal court. It is great that my father now has another

Mr Baker's decision was given to Berry by one of his friends who has been helping in the campaign to have the case reopened. John Smith, a Norwich businessman, said: "I telephoned the news of the breakthrough to Swaleside. It was the first time I have ever known John to be really excited. He told me that it was the best news he had received for

Berry, who had been in-volved in selling electrical equipment to Middle East



Under review: John Berry, pictured in 1984

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Trading standards officers fear cut-price canvas entrepreneur fails to put buyers fully in the picture



Art experts query dealer's bargains

THE activities of a wealthy art dealer who offers "original oils and watercolours and "rare limited edition prints" at bargain prices in well-publicised sales are causing increasing concern in the art world.

Trading standards officers have received a string of complaints about the sales organised by Alan Barkerthrough his company National Fine Arts at hotels up Fine Art Trade Guild, which regulates the trade, is concerned that customers at some of these sales are not getting the bargains that.

Mr Barker describes. his company as "liquidators", instructed to dispose of valu-able art collections, including works by L.S. Lowry, David Shepherd and Sir William Russell Flint. "Creditors awaiting payment: no the newspaper advert-

Together with dealers and experts, The Times has accepted these invitations and been offered some questionable bargains. In the St Andrew's suite at the Hilton National, in Bracknell, Berkprints by Flint, marked at they are rare book prints of which there are only about

Keith Gardner, an art dealer and director of Sir William Russell Flint Galleries, said the prints had been taken from the frontispiece of a 1988 biography of Sir William, which he coauthored. The book costs £38 and 30,000 copies had been At Letchworth, Hertford-

shire, Denise Pointer, manager of a local gallery, noticed an oil by Tony Mer-cier, a contemporary British artist, priced at 1695. A similar Mercier painting in her own gallery was priced £345. "We were told by the salesperson that the prices on the frames were gallery prices."
Miss Pointer said. "The price was half that, which would have brought it in line with the painting in

at Mr Barker's sales is by unknown artists, so he provides a potted biography to help buyers judge their worth. Naick Gilgert, for example, is described thus Born Paris December, 12, 1933. Studied at the Ecole Beaux-Arts in Albi, birthplace of Toulouse Lau-. member of the

hall in Albi, Southern France, confessed sadly to The Times that it boasted no art school. Nor could Sotheby's in Amsterdam find any record of a Dutch Association of Free Art.

:Mr Barker's advertise ments and the certificates of guarantee he provides state ber of the "Art Dealers' Association". No such body is listed in any official register and Mr Barker admits that it is a loose grouping of colleagues specialising in oils

the attention of trading standards officers in many parts of the country. One in Manchester told The Times: "We were 'contacted by a gentleman who had bought a print for £39 at a National been told it had been reduced from £99. A local dealer subsequently looked at it and said it was a laser print which would have cost no

more than £2 to produce. The Manchester official raised the complaint with colleagues in Southport. Fine Arts is based. It was one of 21 complaints they have received about the company in the past four years. They



"Rare": two prints by Russell Flint offered for £150, taken from a £35 book

town. Trading standards ofluctant to spend time investigating a company nly briefly in their area. The one exception has

been Stranraer, Dumfries years ago, Mr Barker pleaded guilty to charges under the Trades Description Act. He was fined £400 for claimng that two paintings were of "exceptional quality" when clearly they were not and £200 for misleading claims that another two paintings were "worthwhile

al £200 for stating that when "no such bone fide association existed". Imposing the fines. Sheriff James Farrell said: "The public has are hub of empire

Converted stables

says that his success has in envy than in an attempt

to protect the public.
The hub of his empire is a house in converted stables in Southport, Merseyside From there he organises his one day sales, which he says are only a fraction of his for private clients and in

owning a Florida gallery. plaints against him as petty. and insisted that his sale

ALAN Barber claims to be a for I come into their towns with a larger and better col-

He explained that some of the collection came from galleries which had closed other galleries could not sell. He justified the claim that his company acted as liquinators by saying: "To liqui-date means to get rid of something. That's what it says in the dictionary and

that's what I am doing." He concluded: "I am no are not operating a swap shop. If people decide they

Scientists plan delay in ageing

By KERRY GILL

RESEARCHERS in Scotland and Hungary are confident that they will soon be able to delay the effects of ageing in humans and its associated ailments. The treatment involves oil extracts listilled from plants.

Scientists at the Scottist Agricultural College will this week ask for £750,000 of European Community cash to develop research already done on rats and mice.

Some of the money will fund a three-year study on humans at the college. Stan Deans, a programme co-ordi-nator, said: "We have proved that a beneficial effect occurs in rats and mice, and the chances are that we would get the same effect in humans. The impact would be quite profound." Human trials would involve four other European research centres.

Plant oil extracts act as anti-oxidants. As humans age, the levels of key fatty acids begin to drop, which can lead to the onset of degenerative troubles. Dr Deans said that the trend was reversed when the extracts were fed to rats and mice. "We actually maintain or even increase the levels of fatty acids in the cells. We are not stopping the ageing process but we are slowing it down.

Last year the college sent plant extracts to the Semmelweis medical university in Budapest for animal trials. The plants included celery, thyme, dill, lavender, and peopermint

Police surgeons seek safeguards

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

POLICE surgeons concerned. about incompetence and poor standards among some colleagues are formulating proposals to the Royal Comnission on Criminal Justice for a new independent profes-sional body that would end their perceived ties with the

The so-called police sur-

geons, mostly part-time GPs who are called in by police to give medical advice, are confrontline role they must take in court without adequate training. At a time when they have to give evidence in cases of alleged child abuse or police brutality, some of them are seeking a new independent institute to oversee training, standards and to ensure accountability.

Peter Green, a full-time police surgeon who prefers the description of forensic physician, is one of a group of 100 Metropolitan Police sur-geons particularly anxious to their work. He said that most police surgeons were good and enthusiastic part-timers, but a small minority were

There are a few who are known to defence lawyers. and regularly used by them because they always come up with what is required."

Dr Green cites a story told among colleagues of a police surgeon called in to examine an alleged rape victim. The surgeon declared the victim to be "virgo intacta", Dr Green said. "It later turned out that the victim was a man

who had had surgery to be come a woman, so there was no way this finding could have been made."

The title police surge misnomer. The job is done by GPs who are not policemer and are not surgically trained. They advise on such cases as drink-driving.

Traditionally they work part-time but the trend is full-time post-graduate speci-ality which is seen as independent from the prosecution

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 has brought new pressures. "Before, lawyers would argue over what has been said on the tape in the police interview," Dr Green said. "Now they argue whether the defendant was fit to interviewed.

There is also the dilemma that it is the police surgeon who often hears vital information from a defendant in custody. In spite of the doc-tor's confidential relationship with a patient, police surgeons may on occasion pass on what they are told, though such comments were made without a caution or any of the safeguards of the 1984

geons have acquired a new respectability, particularly with the creation of a clinical forensic section within the Royal Society of Medicine. is still a long way to go.



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4,000 concerts around the globe and recorded 275 titles. His dedication to broadening the appeal of classical music through television has endeared him to a vast new audience of music fans.

With it all, Maazel retains a boyish sense of humour. He has written, for example, an awardwinning comedy film, A Week in The Life of a Conductor, a parody of popular misconceptions.

But the man who refuses to be stuffy about his profession is most serious about his music. "There is no music without Life, no Life without passion, no passion without compassion," he says. "A performance must be like Life itself."

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Lawrence secrets exposed

BY SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

PHOTOGRAPHS taken by T.E. Lawrence of the hideaway from which he planned and launched his attack on the Damascus-to-Baisan railway in November 1917 - which gave the late David Lean one of the most dramatic episodes in his film Lawrence of Arabia - have been unearthed in the Courtauld Institute's Conway Library and are to go on exhibition

from Friday.

Original plate negatives exposed by Lawrence, by his brother, the archaeologist A.W. Lawrence, and by the writer Robert Byron were rediscovered by Lindy Grant, the library's medieval expert. The exhibition will mark the first time that enlarged prints have been taken from the original plates.

Dr Grant believes that the pictures were all taken while the three men were on separate intelligence missions. There are 20 by T.E. Lawrence, all taken on campaign in 1916 and 1917-18, two by his brother from the 1920s, and more by Byron.

The pictures of Lawrence's hideaway high in the Roman



Lawrence: lonely on his intelligence mission

fort at the oasis of Azraq show a crypt-like room with partly bricked-up arches, the floors strewn with rubble, straw and blankets used by Lawrence and his comrades. What appears to be a camel saddle hangs on a wall. A general riew of the fort shows the partly ruined gate tower where the room was. "In loneliness, we learned the full disadvantages of imprisonment within such gloomy ancient unmortared palaces. he wrote of the room in The

Seven Pillars of Wisdom. The negatives were given to the library by T.S.R. Boase. the director of the Courtauld given the pictures by T.E. Lawrence's brother. Professor Boase also gave photographs taken by Byron in 1933-4 in Syria, Persia and Alghani-

Byron's largely architectur-

al pictures correspond to the text of his classic of travel literature, The Road to Oxiana. At Herat, carpet bombed by Soviet aircraft during the 1980s war in Afghanistan, he found and photographed a 15th century citadel next to an arms dump. Having already secretly seen the citadel, he was allowed to visit it officially, accompanied by an army officer. "I now kept my eyes off the artillery park in order not to embarrass him," Byron wrote. "But my fancy lusted after it, I held the secret of a formidable armament, capable of withstanding, or worse, expediting, an advance of the Soviet army on India. I saw myself earning the VC and probably a seat in the Cabinet, by

Along the Golden Road to Sam-arkand is at the Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, London WC2, from January 31 to March 1.

reporting its existence."

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ands of stolen crashed cars d on dealers

offered to dealers last year

which had been the subject of

insurance claims for serious

crash damage, compared

with 98,000 in 1990. One of

every 27 enquiries to HPI by

dealers whose suspicions were

aroused uncovered a car

which had been seriously

Mr Leo said: "We have all

heard of unlucky individuals

who buy a used car, only to

find out it belongs to someone

else. But stories also abound.

of cannibalised cars with the

chassis of one vehicle and the

body of a second stolen vehi-

cle sold on to an unsuspecting

buyer, who suffers a very real risk, not only of financial loss,

but also of driving a potential-

He hoped greater awareness of the risks of buying a

stolen car would help to com-

bat the increase in stolen vehi-

cles being offered for sale.

ly uproadworthy vehicle."

damaged

EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

HPI's managing director, is dealers is also worrying the motor industry. HPI's figures their guard, as his group's show that 112,000 cars were figures show only the tip of a

an iceberg.
Many cars change hands in private transactions, so that the first a buyer may know of a problem is when he finds himself involved in a police investigation. Even though money may have changed hands, the stolen car remains the property of its original owner and has to be handed back if traced.

That would leave the unsuspecting buyer of the stolen car with a big financial loss, Mr Leo said, particularly if the stolen vehicle was an expensive sports or hixury model, a favourite target for profes-sional thieves. Mr Leo said: "A dealer could suffer financial loss which could potentially ruin his business. The financial loss for an individual who inadvertently buys a stolen car can also be

HPI keeps a computer register on finance agreements on new and used cars, enabling dealers to cross-check registration and vehicle de-tails, One in every 103 enqui-ries in the 1991 fourth quarter resulted in the tracing of a stolen car.

The number of crash-damaged vehicles being offered to

£1m given to Muslim school fund

A NATIONAL charity to promore Islamic education was launched yesterday with an anonymous donation of El million. The Muslim Education Foundation aims to collect "a great deal more money" to prop up existing independent schools and to help to fund the launch of

Foundation academics said that Britain's two million government's refusal to provide money for Islamic educarion. Fazhur Khalid said: "We are being discriminated against. The government supports Roman Catholic, Anglican and Jewish schools, but repeatedly denies us the same rights and privileges." The existence of Christian schools in Muslim countries exposed the British government's failings, he said.

A conference at which the foundation was launched passed a resolution calling for Muslim parents to withdraw their children from state school sex education classes. Moeen Yaseen, of the foundation, said that delegates felt traditional moral values in the teaching of sex education had become distorted by liberal ideology and the fear of Aids. The resolution wa overwhelmingly supported.

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Eyes wins m award

Alan Rickman, who also starred in Close My Eyes and Iruly. Madly. Deeply, won lest actor award for his role is the sheriff of Nottingham n Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves, with Kevin Costner.

The Peter Sellers Award for Comedy, presented by the producer David Puttnam, vent to Dick Clement, Ian Le Frenais and Roddy Doyle for The Commitments, which starred Irish newcomer Anfrew Strong as the singer in 1 soul band.

The award for best screenplay was presented to Neil lordan for The Miracle. while the award for technical schievement was won by Sandy Powell for Edward II. The Miracle and The Pope Must Die.

The ceremony is to be screened on Thames Telerision tonight.



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Times past: The King's Army, a Civil War society, restaging the execution of King Charles I in London yesterday, four days before the anniversary. Alice Constable, aged two, tries hard not to cry

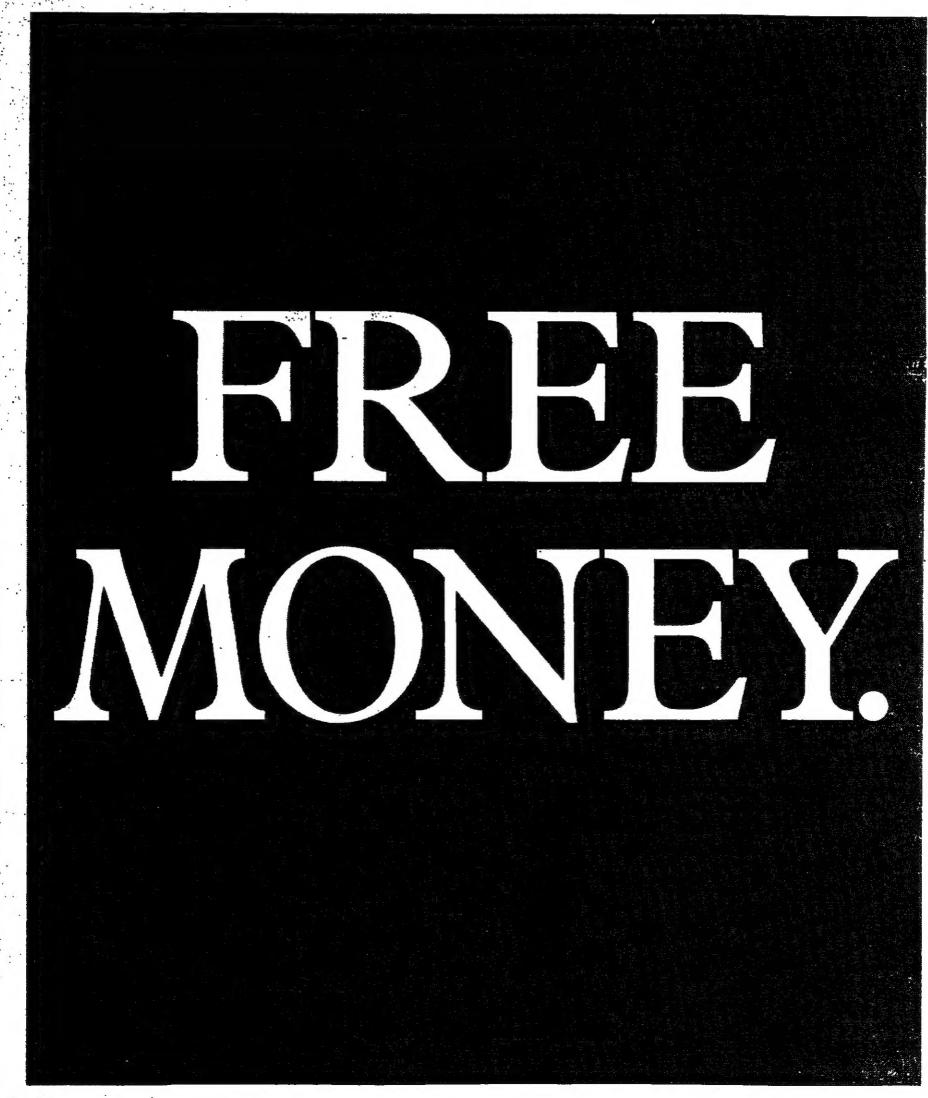
Hospital implant ban lifted

THE National Hospital for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, will lift its self-imposed ban on breast implants today. The hospital, which normally carries out about 550 implants a year, said that there was no medical evidence to justify the

The hospital announced a 45-day halt to operations earlier this month, but more than 70 women whose operations were postponed told the hospital's director. John Terry, that they still wanted silicone implants. The hospital said that it decided to lift the ban after Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, gave reassurances on the safety of the operations.

In the United States, hospitals have been recommended not to carry out operations pending a 45-day safety review. Mr Terry said: "We have not paid attention to what is going on in America because it has got out of control. There are 100 many lawyers in the operating

The hospital believes that it has lost £300,000 in can-



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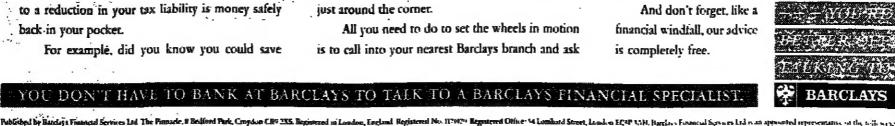
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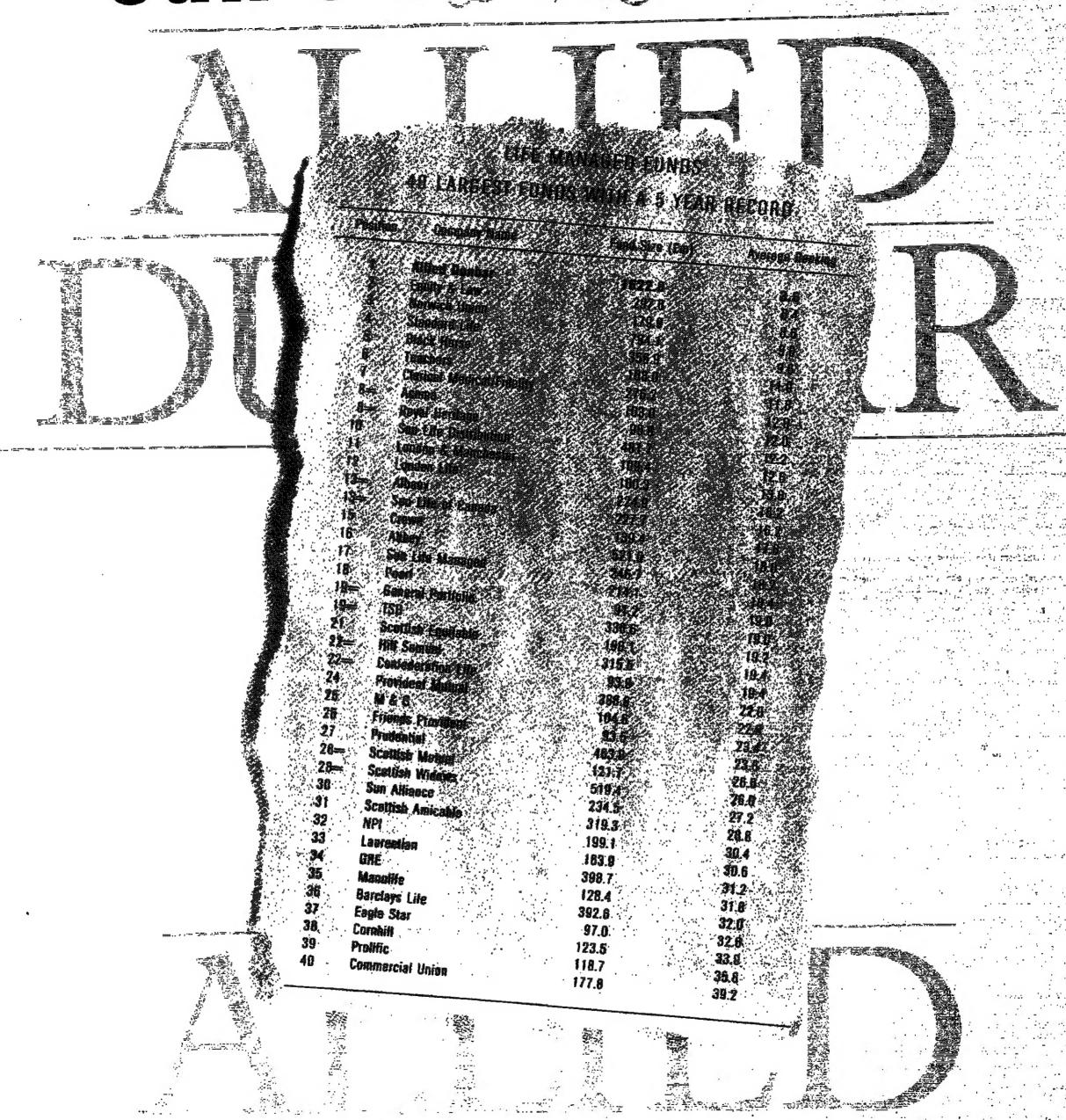
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Sunday stores threatened by bigger rates bill

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

week may be forced to pay higher rates under a scheme being considered by

inisters. In an attempt to regain the initiative over Sunday trad-ing, ministers are studying a plan to increase the rateable values of shops which open on Sundays. Efforts to stop Sunday opening have been frustrated by a challenge to the Sunday trading laws at the European Court.

Local authorities, which are responsible for enforcing the law, have been warned that if they prosecute or attempt to close shops on Sundays, they may end up having to pay substantial damages.

Under a plan proposed by David Weeks, Conservative leader of Westminster city council, the rateable value of shops which open on Sundays would be increased to reflect the enlarged opportunities for profit. The idea is being examined as a means

Lawyers query right to silence

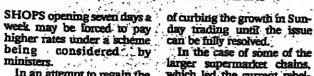
By Richard Ford BOME CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE lawyers are demanding an end to an accused person's absolute right to silence as part of changes to make the legal system less favourable to the

They want the defence to disclose the general outline of its case to the prosecution within 28 days of a person being committed for trial and the minimum age for jury service to be raised from 18 to

Under proposals sent to the Royal Commission on the Criminal Justice System, the Society of Conservative Lawyers proposes the removal of the absolute right of silence to allow comment on a defendant's refusal to answer something requiring explanation.

Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, who helped draw up the proposals, said: "The society believes that the importance of these principles is that while providing greater protection for the innocent, they will tilt the scales of justice less in favour



larger supermarket chains, which led the current rebellion by opening in the run-up to Christmas; the change could increase the rates bill of

a large superstore by more than £10,000 a year.

A senior Whitehall source said yesterday: "The advantage with Mr Weeks' scheme is that it would hit businesses which break the law precisely where it hurts them most, in their profit margins.

The shops are only breaking the law because they want to increase their profits and an increase in their rates could wipe out most not if all of the extra profits they stand to make, especially in a

Mr Weeks said: "Under the old domestic rates, if you added a conservatory to the back of your home the rates went up because it made the property more valuable. In the same way, a shop which can trade seven days a week is worth more to its owner than one that can only open for

However, the Institute of Rating, Revenues and Valua-tions, the professional body for valuers, said that changing the regulations to make Sunday opening "a material change of circumstance" could lead to shops which open for less than six days a week seeking reductions in their rates bills.

The most likely course would be for ministers to introduce new regulations adding a "Sunday premium" of one seventh by which the rateable value of shops opening on Sundays would be automatically increased. Sunday takings have

slumped by up to half in corner shops near supermarkets which open seven days, ecording to the Federation of Small Businesses. Mr Stephen Alambritis said his organisation favoured all stores having the right to open on Sundays, but the existing law should be enforced until a solution is found.

Meanwhile, a group of large retailers opposed to seven-day trading has warned that a Sunday "free-for-all" was threatening the future of many local stores. Iceland Frozen Foods, the Co-op, Kwik Save and C&A said that the initial public reaction to Sunday trading was favourable, but claimed that prices would increase.



hall, these students from Thurso College, on the northern coast of Scotland, are learning the finer points of stalking deer from their outdoor teacher John Waters on the Achentoul estate near Thurso (Kerry Gill writes). The college, which has

easy access to shooting estates, fishing and stalking, runs the "class-room in the hills", a two-year course in gamekeeping that provides students with the expertise to reach the level of under-keeper. Rogavald (Ron) Taylor, the course director. said that it was introduced to meet

that a traditional pool of labour was dwindling. It has proved so popular that the college received more than 200 applications for the 12 places this year. Mr Taylor said that successful students would get a Scot-tish Vocational Education Council qualification. "The objective is to produce keepers and stalkers, whose theoretical knowledge is acquired primarily in the field, using the hillside as the course classroom," he said. Education and training at Thurso college spans a wide range from basic practical skills to honours degree courses. There are also places within the course under

Tide of realism ends £2 island poll tax BY KERRY GILL

among the best payers of the poil tax in Britain, although this is not altogether surpris-By Stewart Tendler ing since the cost per head CRIME CORRESPONDENT

amounts to less than 4p a

But the 4 per cent of those

eligible who continue to ig-

nore the annual £2 poll tax

bill are likely to be joined by others this year when the council increases the bill to

Members of the tradition-

ally non-political Orkney Is-

lands' council, which must fix

the tax level next week, realise

that this may be the most

unpopular move they will ever

make, even though the re-

vised charge will be consider-

ably less than the Scottish

Nevertheless, the council-

lors have been advised by

officials that the £2 poll tax "holiday" must end. The level was £142 until the govern-

ment last year announced the

£140 rebate for all payers.

The tax was kept low because the council was able to call on

its reserves, which had

Ronald Gilbert, the coun-

cil's chief executive, said: "For

the previous two years we

were able to draw on our

balance. Then the govern-ment came along with the

mounted up over the years.

DETECTIVES investigating the possibility of a ring of paedophiles responsible for the deaths of up to nine children have appealed for public help in tracing six boys aged between eight and 16, miss-ing from London since the

Detectives

fear nine

boys dead

Four men have been convicted for the death of Jason Swift, aged 14, in 1985 and one man was later also convicted of murdering Barry Lewis, aged six, who vanished from south London. Now police working on Op-

eration Orchid, set up in 1989 to look at the activities of the gang, are trying to trace four boys who went missing between 1983 and 1986. They are Michael Monaghan, aged 16, from Hayes, who vanished in 1984; Paul James, aged 16, missing from Brixton in 1984; Michael Maughan, aged eight, from Kentish Town, missing since 1985; and Desmond ingram, aged 14, from Highbury New Park, who also vanished in 1985. Two other boys have been described only as Mark and Hussein.

THE residents of Orkney are £140, and that is how it got to this ridiculous figure of £2. The council is now saying it cannot keep drawing money out of our balance."

He said his members might still decide to take money out of the coffers to keep the tax at a reasonable level. Ernest Donaldson, a retired social worker, believed

many of the 19,000 islanders would refuse to pay. "There are a lot of people who are hell-mad about this, and they won't pay. What about people on the outer islands? What services do they get from the council?" But another man.

who asked not to be named because he was a council employee, said the proposal would bring Orkney into line with other parts of the country. "At least we are getting

back to reality," he said. However, an Englishman, who recently arrived on the islands to set up in business, claimed the proposal had almost driven him and his wife back south. He said: "It has made us think twice about staying. The low level of poll tax was a huge bonus to someone trying to establish themselves in a new business planned rise was to help fund the long-running judicial enquiry ordered by the government after allegations of sexual abuse on South Ronaldsay. The enquiry, which began in August and is expected to continue until this summer, has cost the council about E36,000 a week. However the Scottish Office recently promised to pick up

Some locals claimed that

the real reason for the

"all reasonable" costs. The average Scottish poll tax bill is expected to be more than £300, with the average rise 25 per cent.

Prospect nears of **Bentley** pardon

Home Office officials are studying a Scotland Yard report which could lead to a posthumous pardon for Derek Bentley, hanged on January 28 1953 for the murder of a policeman during a burglary (Stewart Tendler writes). A decision by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, may be taken with-

PC Sidney Miles was killed in November 1952 when police found Bentley and Christopher Craig on a London factory roof. Craig. then 16, fired the fatal shot. Bentley, aged 19, was said to have encouraged Craig with the words: "Let him have it, Chris."

A former officer who was on the roof has now said he never heard the words spoken and Craig, now free, has also denied that he was encouraged.

Poll challenge

Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, the only Conservative MP to join the SDP, will stand for the Liberal Democrats at Norfolk South, the seat of John MacGregor, the Commons leader, at the general election.

Badger set

A special police squad, nicknamed the "badger set", has been set up in Oxfordshire to enforce the Badger Act, which gives greater protec-tion to the animals.

Baby unhurt

Doctors said that the unborn child of a nine menths pregnant woman beaten and raped in Belfast has not been

17% pay claim The Association of University Teachers today lodges a 17 per cent pay claim for its 31,000 members.

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Times investigation

Number's up for telephone tricks

THE tabloid newspaper advertisement sounds intriguing. It reads: "Film extras required Any age, shape, size or nationality. Call 0839 654156", and goes on to detail the 48p cost per minute of the premium rate call (36p

But callers seeking a glamorous life rubbing shoulders with the stars are unlikely to need an immediate supply of greasepaint. The recorded voice on the telephone offers no jobs. Instead, it offers to place callers on a register. It advises: The procedure for becoming a film extra is quite simple. You need to find out. which agencies are recruit-ing. This information can usually be found out in directories, entertainment publica-tions and from established companies. Your local library can be of great help."

Alternatively, callers are told that they might like to consider becoming talent scouts" for film extras, by subleasing a premium rate line of their own, hiring a similar recording and earning 14p per minute from each of ten simultaneous callers. "It's aimost like free money," the

The Times listened to the voice for 20 minutes, at a cost of 19.60, before hanging up

in mid-sentence.
The advertisement could now face a ban from The Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, after an investigation of complaints from disappointed callers. From next Saturday, the nine-man committee, chaired by Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, will have stronger powers to adjudicate over allegations that the advertisement breaches its 1989 Michael Horsnell listens in to tempting phone services which may provide their callers with nothing but a big bill

code of practice. The com-plaint is one of 6,500 received by the committee last year of alleged abuses of premiumrate telephone services. Following investigations, 500 services have been withdrawn.

The advertisement for filia extras is the brainchild of Henry Needham, who runs Caltek, a business promo-tions company based in Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Caltek rents the line from Premium Phone Services, of Northampton.

Mr Needham told The Times that the text of his relephone advertisement runs to six minutes 23 seconds, but we found that it was still going after 20 minutes. He said: "We do point out near the beginning that there is no guarantee of work and that people interested in becoming a film extra should not regard this as a new career move. We also state the name of the company in the first two minutes. There is no desire to mislead anyone. It's not my style."

Premium Phone Services, said: "Although these jobs as film extras are available, they are not readily available. So, when Caltek came on to us, we had to make certain nothing was said that they were offering any jobs. The people who were replying would be able to deal with a register. We couldn't see they were in breach of anything in the code as it stands. In all our contacts, we say client companies have to adhere to the



Blom-Cooper: majority of services are useful

The committee was unable to comment on the case prior to adjudication. Under the new code, advertisements will have to state the full cost of the call and advertisers must prove that the jobs are real. Other provisions are: Adult entertainment and

live conversation services will be restricted to specifically allocated telephone prefixes. Interactive entertainment services will be limited to a maximum length of ten minutes, unless there are regular ages informing callers of the time they have spent on the telephone. Advertisements for compe-

tition lines will be required to explain clearly the format and cost of the services. Dating services will not be allowed to give personal contact details directly. · Services targeted at children and young people will be

restricted to a maximum of seven and a half minutes. Mr Blom-Cooper said: "The majority of premium services provide the public with useful information and a good choice of entertainment. There are, however, a small minority of services which are clearly unacceptable. The new measures will enable the committee to deal effectively with these services."

Laurence Cullen, who runs Tougher code will cut off culprits

THE Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Inarmed with a tougher code of control the burgeoning industry which, by the end of

Blom-Cooper, QC, its chairman, said that the code. which contains stronger sancformation Services is to be tions against those who break it, was necessary because the conduct from Saturday to industry was constantly devel-

oping new services. The committee's authority last year, numbered an esti- stems from contracts between mated 17,000 services. Louis the companies which run the

services and the network onerators, BT, Mercury and Vodafone, to whom the committee is able to recommend penalties. These will include barring companies from providing a particular type of service or cutting off premium-rate lines for a specified

These lates are fully rehandable. No advance purchase requirements. Reservations must be confurmed at time of turbeting. One stopporer within the U.S.A. per otional discounts or time reductions apply. Tickers must be purchased by 20 May 1992. Subject to Consenuent approval

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How I got where I am today

DR. MIKE SMITH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ARGOS.

Dr. Smith is the man who pioneered electronic point of sale. He now heads Britain's biggest retail operation in small electrical appliances and power tools. How did he get where he is today? He moved his company where business costs are lower, where staff skills are higher and where the offices are among the most modern in Britain. If you would like to join him, ring Bob Hill, Commercial Director Milton Keynes Development Corporation, on (0908) 692692.

Memories

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Memories of Nixon rekindled as governor speaks out to silence his critics

Clinton fate hangs on trial by camera

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

THE presidential campaign of Bill Clinton, the Arkansas governor, languished yester-day awaiting a television in-terdew which could either clear away allegations of extranarital affairs or consign hin to the footnotes of elec-

toral history. The millions who watched theSuperbowl last night were expected to stay tuned afterwards to watch Governor Clitton and his wife, Hillary, answer questions about their mariage which have been raied in an Arkansas law suit ant a supermarket tabloid magazine. Star magazine clamed to hold tape recording of Governor Clinton's attempts to cover up an extra-

Li seeks

to polish

China's

image

marital affair with Gennifer Flowers, a former singer. Commentators described the appearance, on the cur-

renr affairs show Sixty Minutes, as the biggest event of its kind since Richard Nixon's charges of illegal campaign contributions with the admis-sion of one gift, a dog named Checkers, for his daughter, so, it was said, Mr Clinton had to find some imaginities had to find some imaginitive way of his own to still public

pared for their ordeal by camera, their campaign received both good and bad news. The man who started the story, a



Dahmer, will give lurid

details of the murders

Killer is

to plead

insanity

FROM JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK

THE Milwaukee serial killer

who has admitted murdering

17 young men and boys, hav-

ing sex with the corpses and keeping body parts in the fridge to eat, will try to prove

killings.

Jeffrey Dahmer, aged 31, who was arrested when a scaned

handcuffed man escaped

from his home in July, is expected to provide lurid de-tail about the killings that

would shock even the man-

eating anti-hero of the film

The Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal the Cannibal

If his plea guilty-but-insane plea is successful, he will be

sent to a secure mental insti-

tution with the remote possi-

bility of being set free.

However, if the jury finds he

was same, he will receive a

mandatory life term for each

of the 15 murders with which

Gerald Boyle, the lawyer representing the former choc-

olate factory worker, said his

client's confession would be

read in full in court during

the two-week hearing. "Every

aspect of the killings, the

motives and many other fac-

ets will be heard in open court," he said in a letter to

The latest revelation about

Mr Dahmer is that he tried to

perform lobotomies on some

victims to turn them into

zombies whom he could keep

around. Autopsies show 3-

4mm holes in the skulls of at

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he is charged.

the court.

least three bodies.

BY DAVID WATTS DPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

LIPENG, the Chinese prime mnister, today begins his first tour of Western countries size the Tiananmen Square reression determined to restere China's international

Aatching Mr Li's appearance at the United Nations later this month is a new effort to promote economic reform while restoring the pulic image of Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount lealer and original championof reform.

Mr Li, who lands in Rome thi morning, will also visit Swizerland, Portugal and Spin, demonstrating how rapidly the West is acknowleding Peking's power — as a hoter of a UN veto; as a naion which contributed to the conclusion of the peace, at a court hearing starting agreement is Cambodia: today that he was insune at with has influence in North inche time he committed the Krea; and which is impor-tant to the success of any Mddle East peace deal. But his European stops include note of the "top tier" countris with the greatest worldwice political influence.

no international sanctions of agnificance remained by lastspring and visits by John Maor and Toshiki Kaifu, the thet Japanese prime minister have cleared the way for MrLi's tour.

hr Deng's appearance in Chia's booming special eco-nonic zones adjacent to Hoig Kong is being likened to Nao's famous 1966 ninemile swim in the Yangtse riverwhich had the dual purposeof scotching rumours of his thysical and political illhealh. Now it appears to be Mr Deng's turn to heraid a reversal of the political tide and ring reform to the top of the seenda once more. But there is no sign that the reforms will encompass political changes as well as econstaic ones.

• Ifing Kong: China has freed nine dissidents jailed without trial for their role in pro-ternocracy protests more than wo years ago, an American human rights activist said John Kamm, a Hong Konj-based businessman said bey had been free since November (Reuter)

had affairs with the governor. Although Larry Nichols did not fully recant his story, he apologised to the women and, "Checkers" speech in 1952. Just as Mr Nixon answered in an admission of his motive in bringing the suit, said that the feud is over". the opinion polls in New Hampshire, where America's

. While the Clintons pre-

support, he now stood at 27 per cent, level with Paul Tson-gas, of Massachusetts. Observers in the state capital, Concord, last week predicted that there would be some adverse reaction to the rumours but cautioned against writing off the Clinton campaign. "The people of New Hampshire are much more hostile to lies and evasion than to sexual infidelity," said one Republican supporting President Bush's opponent, Patrick Buchanan.

disaffected Arkansas govern-

ment employee, dropped the libel suit in which he had

named various beauty queens

and aides who allegedly had

The bad news came from

important first primary elec-tion is to be held next month.

Governor Clinton has drop-

ped 12 points in four days,

according to a tracking poll of

Democrat voters. After leading the field with 39 per cent

Governor Clinton welcomed the withdrawal of the law suit yesterday, saying that he respected Mr Nichols "for having the courage to come forward and set the record straight". Campaign aides expressed hope that the rest of the week would be dominated not by "decade-old rumours" but by President Bush's State of the Union speech tomor-

row night.
The White House has made it clear that the new proposals for improving economic confidence constitute the key to the Bush campaign, which is currently doing substantially worse in New Hampshire than Mr Clinton's. The measures range from tax cuts for the much-courted middle class to money for controlling tuberculosis. The luxury tax on also likely to go, after the discovery that such punitive policies deprive more poor people of jobs than rich

people of their toys. Congressional Democrats must soon decide whether to work with the president for a "recovery package" or against him in order to show the differences between the two parties in an election year.

Mike Barnicle, the Boston columnist, once described New Hampshire voters as the type of people who "take two hours to watch Sixty Minutes". Today powerbrokers will be spending many more than two hours on last night's programme and what Mr Clinton had to say.



Flowers: allegations of an affair with Clinton



Eye of the storm: Bill Clinton hugging his wife, Hillary, at a Manchester, New Hampshire, rally a day before his television interview over alleged sexual affairs

Militant Hindus' ceremony dims Kashmir peace hopes

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

HINDU hardliners raised the Indian national flag yesterday in the centre of Srinagar, the predominantly Muslim capital of the Kashmir valley. The freezing streets of the curfew-bound city were deserted, leaving thousands of security force officers as virtually the only witnesses of an event that has deeply embittered Kashmiri Muslims.

The brief ceremony was the culmination of an 8,000-mile ekta yatra (journey of unity) from the southern tip of India by leaders of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party. Provocatively, it was conducted in Lal Chowk, the heart of the old Muslim sector of Srin-The event has increased the

Kashmir valley's sense of allenation from India, and further diminished prospects for a negotiated peace after almost three years of bloodshed. It also appears to have galvanised guerrilla groups into ending their rivalries, which could lead to an escala-

tion of the separatist war. There is now unprecedented

Aquino candidate eases business fears

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Aquino's endorsement of Fidel Ramos. the former Philippines defence secretary, to succeed her has made him the strongest among ten candidates in the May election. Notwithstanding the high-

profile challenge from Imelda Marcos, the former first lady who is standing trial for corruption, Mr Ramos is, in Mrs Aquino's eyes, the best bet to block the Marcos family's political comeback. Her endorsement on Saturday eased the business sector's anxiety and their financial support for his candidacy gives him a further edge. Her backing has also bro-

ken up the ruling Philippine Democratic Struggle party of many groups competing for the presidency. Many weaker candidates will be marginalised.

Mrs Aquino's choice was not only governed by his "win-ability" according to the polls. She appears to have more confidence in him than Ramon Mitra, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the ruling party's nominee, or Marcelo Fernan, a former chief justice, backed by the Roman Catholic church.

Mrs Marcos, who last week was the first to file papers contesting the elections, has compared herself to Mao Tsetung's widow Jiang Qing, who took the blame for the excesses of her husband's

polarisation between Kashmiri Hindus and Muslims, who lived peacefully together prior to 1989.

It has long been evident that practically the entire Muslim population of Kashmir favours breaking away from India. This sentiment forced, particularly as Delhi went out of its way to ensure that the flag-raising ceremo-ny could go ahead. There is also deep resentment among Kashmiri Muslims that Srinagar was almost shut down for three successive days, preventing the poor from buying their daily essentials.

Despite its earlier defiant rhetoric, the Bharatiya party shied away from plans to lead thousands of Hindus into Srinagar in a convoy of vehicles. Security forces said it would be impossible to protect them from attacks by Muslim separatists. The government also gave a warning that such an assault could spark anti-Muslim riots across the northern heartland. At the last minute, the gov-

ernment and the party secretly arranged for security forces to halt the procession before it reached the valley, allowing party leaders to put up a contrived protest. They were then flown to a deserted Srinagar, arriving late on Saturday night in an Indian air force all-weather plane after snow and wind had grounded a government-supplied helicopter. Throughout the night, the group could hear the distant crack of militants' rifles. The rest of India celebrated Republic Day vesterday.

Shamir hints at a deal with US

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday vowed to continue building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, although Yitzhak Shamir's government hinted for the first time that it would consider a compromise over its controversial construction programme in return for \$10 billion (£5.8 billion) in American loan guarantees.

Speaking to journalists in Jerusalem, Mr Shamir said contacts would continue with Washington to resolve the dispute over the loan guaran-tees, which the Bush administration declared on Friday would only be approved if Israel agreed to stop all new construction in the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

The disputed area, which is home to 1.8 million Palestinians and about 110,000 Jewish settlers, is currently the subject of delicate bilateral negotiations, which America and most of the international community believe are threatened by the unprecedented construction campaign, regarded as the chief obstacle towards resolving the Middle East conflict

"The US understands that for us the building and development of all parts of eretz Israel [the biblical land of Israel including the occupied territories] is a matter of principle," said Mr Shamir. "We will now engage in a common effort to find a formula that will not contradict US policy or this principle of ours."

American and Israeli officials hinted that the compromise currently envisaged would allow Israel to finish construction of several thousand buildings already planned for the settlements, but would then impose a freeze on all new housing. In return, the Bush administration would approve the first annual instalment of \$2 billion in loan guarantees repeated over a five-year period.

Mr Shamir last week embarked on a re-election drive promising his traditional right-wing supporters that he would continue to build settlements and would never reish ine west bank and Gaza strip, which were captured by Israeli forces in 1967. However, his campaign platform has also emphasised the need to make peace with Israel's Arab neighbours, grant Palestin-ians self rule in the territories and simultaneously absorb hundreds of thousands of Soviet immigrants to Israel.

The resumption of peace talks was overshadowed in Israel yesterday when an Israeli army sergeant was killed and another soldier wounded during a clash in southern Lebanon with guerrillas of Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement. Three Hezbollah gunmen were also reported killed.

Water wars, page I

Sailor is rescued after raft ordeal

Tokyo: Miharu Sano, aged 31. a Japanese yachtsman, has been rescued by a passing British cargo ship after nearly a month adrift on a life raft.

He was spotted at the week-end about 143 miles south of Chichijima island. He told marine police that he was the only survivor of the seven crew of the 42ft Taka, which capsized on December 29 during the Toyoko Cup race

from Japan to Guam. Mr Sano had drifted about 310 miles after his yacht had been swamped by a wave. He was exhausted and had suffered several scratches but could walk with some assistance. He was said to be in stable condition in hospital.

He had seen a rescue plane wice, but it failed to notice him. He finally attracted the Maersk Cypress when he waved his life jacket over his head. (AP)

Asia talks

London: The Association of South-East Asian Nations is opening a summit meeting that will set the seal on the region's shift from the Cold War era to the start of new. closer economic co-operation in the world's fastest-growing

Libya to help

Nicosia: According to the Libyan news agency, Libya will co-operate with a request from Boutros Boutros Chali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, to aid investigations into the Lockerbie and UTA bombings, for which two Libyans are wanted. (AFP)

Police defended

Caracas: President Perez of Venezuela has defended police suppression of protests over his economic reforms and has promised Venezuelans that the measures will pay off. People had complained about the use of teargas. (Reuter)

Team readied

Manama, Bahrain: A United Nations team prepared here for a mission to Iraq 10 dispose of munitions, includbombs, shells and warheads. The team will work at Muthana, Iraq's main chemical arms site. (AP)

Poll victor

Novakchott: Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya, Mauritania's military leader, won 62.8 per cent of the vote in the first open presidential elec-tions, against 32.9 per cent for the main opposition candidate, but there were claims of poll fraud. (Reuter)

Rebel arrests

Kinshasa: Forces loyal to President Mobutu of Zaire have rounded up rebel troops, seizing weapons, ammunition and looted goods, mili-tary sources said. The Israelitrained special presidential division made scores of arrests. (Reuter)

Plea for aid

Dhuchia Palong: Bangladesh officials at this border camp are asking for international aid for more than 65,000 Burmese Muslim refugees escaping persecution by the Burmese army. (Reuter)

Unita claim

Luanda: Unita, the former Angolan rebel group, claimed that Angolan security forces carried out a raid which left four British tourists dead this month. Lieutenant Celestino Sapalo told reporters that he commanded the operation. (AFP)

Club killing

Coachella, California: Marcelino Sanchez, a nightclub singer, drew a gun and started shooting at the audience after a patron leapt on stage and shot him. A man was killed and ten wounded. Both the singer and the gunman were badly injured. (AP)

Naval scuttle

Hong Kong: A Hong Kong marine police launch had an armed confrontation with two Chinese warships on security duty for Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, the South China Sunday Morning Post has reported here (AFP)

High time

Kuala Lumpur: Drug addicts in Malaysia, hit by a supply shortage, have found they can get "high" by sniffing fresh cow dung through holes in a coconut shell. "You may find it smelly but for them it is heaven." a spokesman said. (Reuter)

Moynihan's Filipina widow primes son for life of a lord

FROM RENE PASTOR OF REUTER IN MANILA

JINNA Sabiaga, the Filipina vidow of Lord Moynihan saidyesterday that she was determined to see Daniel. her car old son, grow up to be a "proper Englishman" and speak in the House of

Lores.

Miss Sabiaga, aged 26, the afth and last wife of the the fifth and last wire of the peet and bon wivant, said that to fulfil her ambition she was willing to endure any such she might receive from the aristocracy. "The dream of his father, and of myslf, is to see our son speaking in the House of Loris," said the former hotel receptionist who has a tel eceptionist who has a degree in business administraton. "He cannot grow up hen and then just take his seat in the House of Lords. He must learn the culture, the raditions of Britain. We have to educate Daniel ... to become a proper English-

The trustees of Lord Moynhan's estate said on Wed-

se get where

would like

corporation

age of 55 in November, has been recognised as a baron with the right to a seat in the Lords. Miss Sabiaga concedes that the aristocracy may ignore her as an unsophisticated Filipina who acquired her title by a fortuitous marriage. There are problems, but I have to be strong. I have to be tough for Daniel's sake," she said. "But I am not worried. The

people there are very sup-portive. I think they the trustees of the estatel are quite proud since they acknowledged my son as the fourth Baron Moynihan. Miss Sabiaga dismissed the threat by Lord Moynihan's fourth wife, Editha Ruben, to contest a decision disinheriting Miss Ruben's son "She cannot really get anything, she really does not have any right at all to the title. She just talks

just regret it," Miss Sabiaga nesday that Daniel, whose Miss Ruben said that her taker died in Manila at the son Andrew was the "right-

and talks and talks. She will

ful heir to the throne". She would leave her son, aged three-and-a-half, to contest the decision when he grew up. "What else is there to ove? There is no money in that title." she said. There is no doubt that

Daniel was his true heir," Charles Vance, a trustee. said, adding that evidence proved Lord Moynihan was not Andrew's natural father. Mr Vance and his wife. Lord Moynihan's elder sister, imogen, said they would act as guardians when Daniel and his mother arrived to ensure an education fit for a Lord Moynihan of Leeds,

who twice fled Britain to escape prosecution, was implicated in a series of drugs and tax evasion scandals. To escape extradition, he moved to Manila in 1972 where he ran a chain of massage parlours and bars. His first wife was an actress and nude model. The second was a belly dancer and the last three were Filipinas.



Dreams of grandeur: Daniel Moynihan laughing with mother, Jinna Sabiago, beside a portrait of his late father, Lord Moynihan, in Manila yesterday. Miss Sabiago wants her son to be educated in England

German steelworkers down tools over Bonn's 'tax lie'

KLAUS Minkmar slammed his grimy fist into the palm of his hand as he left the huge Hoesch factory in Dortmund and demanded: "Why should I work hard and pay more taxes so that lazy Ossis (east Germans) can get paid for

doing nothing?" Yesterdayhe voted to strike and believes most of his workmates will have done the same. "We have the muscle and the right on our side," he said. "We will win, however long it takes."

Steelworkers at the factory and at Thyssen in Duisberg yesterday became the first of the 135,000 in northwest Germany to vote in the strike ballot. The result is expected on Thursday.

Germans are not used to long strikes, but IG Metall, the steel industry's powerful union, believes members are ready this time to hold out to Steelworkers have voted to strike amid growing resentment towards their colleagues in former East Germany, Ian Murray writes from Dortmund

achieve a big pay rise. "The in 1989 and cheering workers in the sheds told him then government lied to us before they would nominate him for unification and said it would the Nobel peace prize. Adminot mean an increase in taxration for the former Soviet Hans Pielert, another leader lives on and there is Hoesch worker said. "After sympathy among the men for they were safely elected, they the plight of their fellow steelput the taxes up and now I workers in Russia, to the exam having to find an extra tent that an appeal has been DM 100 (£35) a month." launched to help a factory in Hoesch dominates Dort-

Novo Lipezk. But the men are not feeling in the least charitable towards their fellows from the former East Germany. "They are getting all our money and attention." said Karl Gaser, whose family fled West from Saxony after the war. "If we



Smoke signals: German steelworks are home to the powerful IG Metall union

opening steel plants over there and we will all be out of work. We have had to work

Observers

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to get where we are today. They want it all overnight."

are not careful they will be hard for more than 40 years with Krupp, the other German steel giant, and the menfear rationalisation will in Hoesch has just merged any event cost jobs. "We have

strong so that the employers respect us in future." Herr Minkmar said.

IG Metall, the strongest union in Germany, with four million members, is using the 130,000 steelworkers in the Ruhr to spearhead similar wage claims by other sections of the union. Other groups. including bank employees and miners, hope to capitalise on any success achieved by the steelworkers. Trade unionists all over the country are putting in pay claims up to 10 per cent this year to seek compensation for the govern-ment's "tax lie". "We have got to win this dispute so that the government does not lie to us again," Herr Minkmar said.

The wives of the steelmen say they are ready to back the dispute, although few believe the strike will last long. "A few short warning stoppages

vince the employers to see reason, said Angelika Ritter, out shopping in the town. "Perhaps they will cave in as soon as they see how many

are ready to strike." The union needs 75 per cent support in yesterday's vote for its strike call and the union believes its membership will give it the necessary backing to call a ballot after nine abortive attempts tone-

gotiate a settlement. Not everyone is so sinnuine, however. Johannes Prater was worried that nilitancy could backfire. "Look what happened to you intish", he said. "Your strikes destroyed your industry ind we could end up the same vay if we are not careful. Thee is a lot of talk, but people lere do not really know what abig strike can do. We have no eal experience of them."

Baker seeks wide-ranging talks

mund. The huge factory is

near the heart of the town and

its steaming cooling towers

and chimneys, its long sheds

and warehouses, are a source

The then President Gorb-

achev came here on his trium-

of pride as well as wealth.

Yeltsin puts nuclear weapons on agenda

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

NUCLEAR arms cuts and world economic problems return to the international agenda this week when James Baker, the US Secretary of State, meets President Yeltsin in Moscow. The talks partly concern the imminent Moscow round of the Middle East peace talks but will range over far wider issues.

Mr Yeltsin will also discuss these problems in London this week before attending a special session of the UN security council in New York. Mr Baker is expected to detail new American arms cuts which President Bush will announce in his state of the union speech tomorrow.

Unconditional cuts are expected in America's landbased multiple warhead missiles but other reductions in the nuclear arsenal are dependent on assurances from the former Soviet republics, chiefly Russia.

in an interview with Mr Yeltsin to be broadcast here this week the Russian presi-

More seek

role in

security

meeting

By DAVID WATTS

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

DECISIONS made at the

Conference on Security and

Co-operation this week may

help shape a Europe stretch-

ing from the Altantic to the

border of the former Soviet

Officials gathering in

Prague today to prepare for the full meeting later in the

week will face many new ap-

plications to join the body.

Some applications have be-

come almost routine amid

great changes in Europe, but

others are less expected, such

At the full meeting on

Thursday, Douglas Hogg, foreign office minister, and

foreign ministers from the

other 37 members will need

all their diplomatic skills to

avoid a head-on clash over

applications from Croatia

and Slovenia, which could

jeopardise the dispatch of a United Nations peacekeeping

force to Yugoslavia. British diplomats are hop-

ing that careful preparatory

work will pre-empt open con-

frontation that could see the

Serbian-dominated rump of

Yugoslavia block applications

by the Croats and Slovenes

under the provision for una-

nimity in the CSCE rules.

Equally, Croatia and Slove-

nia could argue that Yugosia-

via no longer qualifies for

membership and should

leave the organization to re-

apply at a later date. Macedo-

meeting. Others will have to

satisfy ministers that they

meet the criteria for member-

ship, which cover observance

of human rights, military

confidence-building mea-

sures and peaceful settlement

disputes.

as one from Kirghizia.

Union and China.

dent says that those missiles still pointing at the United States will be turned away. "We want to change our military doctrine, no longer consider the united states our po tential adversary, and turn our intercontinetal ballistic missiles away from all cities of the United States," Mr Yel-

tsin tells Barbara Walters. He gives no indication of where the missiles would be pointed instead. His words come as the Bush administration prepares for a new effort to renegotiate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty which restricts the right of signatories to develop defences against incoming missiles.

suade Mr Yeltsin of the danger for the former cold war adversaries of a world in which some 20 nations may be able to deliver nuclear warheads at their neighbours by the year 2000. When senior state department officials were in Moscow last week

Mr Baker wants to per-

mer Soviet republics. But Mr Nazarbayev told Roland Dumas, the French discussing the new republic's foreign minister, during a brief visit to the Kazakh capital, that Kazakhstan's pos RUSSIAN FEDERATION ition was and had always been that it would sign international arms reduction treaties and would destroy its

nuclear arsenal. The former Soviet republic of Belorussia has begun moving tactical nuclear weapons stationed on its soil to Russia for destruction, according to Tass. The first batch had already left the republic's territory, Leonid Privalov, the deputy chairman of Belorussia's parliamentary security committeee, said in Minsk. Belorussia and Ukraine have committed themselves to re-

moving tactical nuclear arms Tom King, the British defence secretary, yesterday backed the need for the Royal Navy to have four Trident nuclear submarines, insisting this number would be a minimum deterrent. He told the The World This Weekend: "Our planned requirement is just to have one Trident submarine always operational. To do that you need four to make sure that when one is in refit you have a cover against an accident and you can always deploy and ensure that

you have one safely The discussions in Moscow are also expected to develop ideas emerging from the G7 meeting in New York which gave a substantial push towards admitting the former Soviet republics into the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. Mr Baramidze, after la-

menting bitterly that the imperialist forces which had corrupted Christian Georgia's morality for 70 years were doing their worst again, said he had addressed a public meeting early yesterday. "I called on the people to think again; I said this was a fratricidal war in which much Georgian blood could be spilt, but they did not listen to

nia is also applying for membership but appears unlikely is guarded on two sides by forces of the new regime, said to succeed given its almost total lack of support. The former Soviet seat in own strong personal support the CSCE has now passed to Russia and there is general his wish to avoid bloodshed. agreement that the republics should join. Applications have already been received military council said yesterfrom Ukraine, Belorussia, Moldavia, Armenia. Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan as well as Kirghizia. Ukraine and Belorussia, which are already about 20 of Mr Gamsakhurmembers of the UN, may be dia's relatives flew yesterday admitted even before the from the Black Sea town of



Tbilisi's peace is rejected

FROM BRUCE CLARK

TENGIZ Baramidze, governor of the besieged Georgian port of Poti, said yesterday there was nothing he could do to persuade supporters of President Gamsakhurdia to accept the peace terms of the

new Tbilisi regime.

The governor looked exhausted and under stress as he received visitors to the town prefecture in and around which hundreds of residents, staunchly loyal to the ousted president, are milling in anticipation of the building being stormed.

Mr Baramidze, whose town he was caught between his for Mr Gamsakhurdia and Moscow: Georgia's ruling day that supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia, in his stronghold in western Georgia, had rejected calls to negotiate. Meanwhile, a plane carrying

Sukhumi to Grozny, capital of the Chechen republic in

southeastern Russia, the Tbi-

lisi military council's press

service said. It was unable to

say if Mr Gamsakhurdia was

aboard. (AFP)

ritual Madrid: A furtive video tape may lead police to the villagers in Spain who attacked photographers adherence to previous treaties signed by Mr Gorbachev, at an outlawed goat-tossthey made no attempt to win ing ritual, an animal rights activist said a commitment to the ABM

yesterday.

A crowd at the fiesta on Concentration was instead on the Strategic Arms Reduc-Saturday in the village of tion Treaty and the Conven-Manganeses de la tional Forces in Europe Polvorosa injured two treaty. Early in the Bush adphotographers, smashed ministration the Strategic Defence Inititive was under several cameras and forced paramilitary civil heavy pressure; it now has a guards to retreat from the proposed budget of \$5 billion. town square. The civil Congress wants a limited guards failed to stop the ritual, in which youths threw a live goat off the church bell tower. After SDI sytem in operation for the US by 1996, which is about six years earlier than briefly hanging in mid-air, the goat landed on a blandefence analysts believe any country other than Russia or ket below and was carried China will pose a threat. away by villagers.

In Alma Ata President Since joining the Euro-pean Community, pres-sure has increased on Nazarbayev said that Kazakhstan had no intention of transferring its strategic Spanish authorities to nuclear weapons to Russia, curb ritual animal abuse contradicting Russian claims at yearly fiestas across the country. Jose Monge of that it will soon be the only the National Association nuclear power among the forfor Animal Defence said police in Zamora provmee, where the town is located, had requested a copy of a videotape shot

> "It's a piece of evidence that could help the police identify the attackers," said Señor Monge, who added that he and other animal rights activists endured threats and intimidation during the fest-ivities. But he expressed his doubts about whether punishment would ever be meted out. (AP)

accordation members



Animal abuse: youths in the Spanish village of Manganeses de la Polvorosa throwing a live goat from the beliry in defiance of a ban on the practice

Renegade Serbs resist UN troops

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ZAGRES

SERBS living in Croatia yesterday were quoted as remaining adamantly opposed to efforts by a United Nations emissary to prepare the ground for deployment of 10,000 peacekeeping troops in Yugoslavia.

Marrack Goulding, a British envoy responsible for UN peacekeepers, arrived in Belgrade last night at the start of a five-day tour to determine if a ceasefire enforced since January 3 is sufficiently durable to allow the "blue berets" to go to work. Mr Goulding told reporters he believed progress had been made during the truce toward enabling UN troops to be deployed.

But Milan Babic, the hard-

line leader of Krajina, the main Serbian enclave in Croatia, once again rejected plans for Yugoslav army Diary, page 12 Leading article, page 13 troops to withdraw from the

region and be replaced by UN soldiers. "The basic fault with the present (UN) plan is precisely that Krajina is being demilitarised, but Croatia is not being demilitarised at the same time," Mr Babic told

the Borba newspaper.

Mr Babic's refusal to cave in has surprised Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, and General Blagoje Adzic, the Yugoslav armed forces commander, with whom Mr Goulding was meeting yester-day, diplomatic sources say. But the Croat media regard the objections as a Serbian plot to continue the war.

Mr Goulding is to meet Mr Babic and Goran Hadzic, another rebel Serb leader, today and will tour the Krajina area to try to reassure Serbs that the UN can guarantee the protection for the population.

Republic plans vote on independence

FROM TIM JUDANTIN GRUDE, WESTERN HERZEGOVINA

A REFERENDUM on independence is to be held in Bosnia-Herzegovina on February 29. Serbs in the ethnically mixed republic increasingly demand union with all the Serbs of the old Yugoslavia, but western Herzegovina, which is mainly Croat, has already in spirit, if not yet in fact, joined Croaria. Bosnian Croat police check cars entering their territory

from other parts of the republic. On the frontier with Croana they are nowhere to be seen. The Croatian flag is everywhere, radios are tuned to Zagreb and Croatia's currency is driving out the old Yugoslav dinar. "I'm not vot-ing for an independent Bos-nia or for Yugoslavia," said Niveska, serving drinks in a cafe in the solidly Croatian town of Grude. "I'm for secession. We all are round here."

On the Croatian side of the border police say that they will not set up customs and immigration controls until western Herzegovina has decided its future. There is no notice saying "Republic of Croatia". The story goes that enraged locals took it down and moved it to the last point before Serb territory begins. Croats make up only 17 per-cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina's 4.3 million people but, apart from the compact population of western Herzegovina, are

● Zagreb: Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, made clear here yesterday that the republic would not stay in a Yugoslavia dominated by Serbia, saying: "Our choice not to stay in a rump Yugoslavia is quite

spread through many other

EC farm ministers gloomy on Gatt

Brussels: Europe's farm ainisters meet here today todiscuss the common agricultural policy and the standstill in the world trade talks, but seen to have decided in advance hat little progress towards resiv-ing the linked problems will be made this week (Gerge Brock writes).

A dispute between the European Community on hie side and America and oner food exporters on the oper has deadlocked the Urusay round of the world tade liberalisation talks held unter the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for nore than a year. The EC compission, acting for the Community's 12 member states. particularly at the promping of France, has rejected from support reforms includedin a oackage deal proposed t all 108 Gan countries eatier this month by Arnur Dunkel, the secretary general

Enclave deaths Moscow: Two people vere killed and six wounde in separate clashes in Nagono-

Karabakh, the Armeniai enclave in Azerbaijan. Havy gimfire erupted at dawn in broke out in the village of Karin-Tak (AFP)

Airline vow

Paris: Air Inter said it would compensate "fully" pasen-gers injured and families of those killed when its Arbus flight crashed into a rountain in eastern France last
Menday Eighty-seven people
were killed in the accideat (AFP)

Nazi arrested

Vicana: Austrian polic have arrested Hans Joerg Shirn-anek, aged 28, an alle to Gottfried Kussel, the neo-Nazi chief for Austri and Germany. He was wanted for neo-Nazi activities ussel was arrested at the beginning of January. (AFP)

Belgians held

Vienna: Two Belgian were arrested on the Austro-talian border when police found six Filipinos, four women and two men, in the boots if their cars. The Filipinos, from Czechoslovakia, were apparently on their way to haly. They will be deported (AFP)

Holiday crash

Manich: Five people were killed when an engine on their aircraft caught ire and the plane crashed shot of the runway at Munich-Rem airport, police said. Twocouples were returning from a holiday in Zurich which bey had won in a lottery. (AFF)

Cresson mobilises anti-racist assault on Le Pen

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

EDITH Cresson, the French prime minister, yesterday intensified her offensive against Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front party, urging supporters to prevent "extremists of the far right" from exploiting the growing concern in France over immigration.

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Acknowledging that political passions were already running high, she said the National Front was intent on seizing the initiative on this issue during the run-up to March's regional elections. A week after Mme Cresson decided to take M Le Pen to court for calling her government a bunch of "crooks and gangsters", there can be no doubt that the Socialists have decided that they must hit

hard and fast. The outspoken prime minister is ideally suited to lead this assault: she has made clear her view that M Le Pen poses a threat to French democracy, and she supported the anti-racism rally that drew up to 100,000 people in Paris on Saturday. Although marchers were

also protesting against gov-ernment plans that restrict the rights of foreigners seeking to enter France, the potential for a nationwide "mobilisation" against the National Front is plain. Wherever M Le Pen appears he is met by organised demonstrators, sometimes outnumbered by the musclés who protect him, but still intent on disrupting his programme. Campaigning in Grenoble



passions running high

a few days ago. M Le Pen was outraged when an hotel cancelled his booking for a press conference after a barrage of threatening telephone calls. Storming off to the town hall



Le Pen: met by protests everywhere he goes

in search of an alternative venue, the flustered National Front leader clashed first with Alain Carignon, Grenoble's conservative mayor, then with a councillor of Algerian most determined opponents

origin who denounced him as a racist (and was told to go home with the rest of the

A call for "anti-Lepenistes". to turn out in Nancy produced 6.000 people - three times as many as those listening to M Le Pen. In Caen, the authorities cancelled M Le Pen's planned public meeting for fear of trouble between his supporters and about 600 demonstrators...

The risk of violent incidents cannot be dismissed as the regional elections approach and the campaign of disruption raises tempers on both sides. M Le Pen may be seeking these days to convey the image of a political heavyweight, but there are plenty of toughs among his more devoted admirers. Some of his

are members of extreme leftwing factions who are no less averse to street fighting.

The National Front has already announced a general mobilisation" to counter the efforts of what parti propaganda claims is "a mob of caviar leftists, freenasons, stalinists, extremists immigrants and racketees". One of M Le Pen's most veiferous critics, the group SOS-Ra-cisme, has called for he fight against the extreme right to be carried immediately into every departement and ev-

ery town in France. However, as M Le Pen loves to point out, both the Socialists and the mainstream conservative parties have already made calculated appeals for what the polls suggest is a steadily increasing anti-immigrant vote.

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Judgment day for women priests

A SUPREME court is tomor row expected to open the way for the ordination of Australia's first Anglican women priests in a decision likely to provoke bitter protests and unirest among conservative. clergy.

Acrimonious debate over many years was finally brought before the courts last week when a group of senior Anglican clergymen sought an injunction to stop Bishop Owen Dowling of Canberra from proceeding independently with the ordination of Il women on February 2. On Friday, however, after hearing two days of submissions, Justice Andrew Rogers gave every indication that the women would succeed in their quest for ordination in the bishop's diocese. "I am firmly of the view that I should refuse to grant this injunction," Justice Rogers announced in the New South Wales Supreme Court in Sydney. His final judgment will be handed down tomorrow.

The sight of so many senior male Anglican representa-tives taking their grievances over worren's status to a secular court - and the New South Wales commercial division at that - is a clear indication of the vikure of the church to resolve .'ve matter

Bearing in mind the issue of a secular court ruling on an ecclesiastical matter, Justice Rogers, who might normally be deciding the fate of Austra-

A secular court rules on a church dispute, Robert Cockburn reports from Sydney

meant that expectations have

been raised, and if that

should be stopped by a court

... it would be regarded very

grievously by many people," he said, adding: "It is my

belief that more damage will

be done to the church if

women are stopped from being ordained than if they

are ordained." The anti-ordi-

nation camp argues that

women do not have the right

Cullen whose evidence put

the debate into a human and

mortal context. Arguing for women's ordination, she ex-

plained how she had recently

been unable to celebrate com-

munion with a woman pa-

Bishop Dowling an

nounced his intention to or-

dain the 11 women on Christ-

mas eve after the failure of the

church's ruling body, the ap-pellate tribunal, to arrive at a

decision on the legality of

women's ordination. In the

civil court he has invoked

New South Wales anti-dis-

criminatory laws to support

his cause.

rishioner in spiritual need.

But it was Deaconess

to teach the Christian faith.

lia's latest bankrupt entrepreneur, said: "This is a commercial court, but we can still recognise a cross."

The Anglican Church here has been moving tentatively towards the ordination of. women despite the deep divisions this has caused. Bishop Dowling does not have formal permission from the general synod for next month's planned ceremony.

The application against him was brought by the Rev David Robarts and the Rev Dalba Primmer, both priests in his Canberra and Goulburn diocese, and by Laurence Scandrett, a lay member. Supporting them, Dr Donald Robinson, the Archbishop of Sydney, told the court that the ordination of women would create division in the church leading to short-term chaos and longterm disintegration.

A confident Bishop Dowling who arrived in court accompanied by Deacones Vicky Cullen, who is awaiting ordination, said this view was inaccurate. If the judge granted an injunction, it

vould be disastrous, he said. "People do not see it as proper that a civil court should inhibit the function of the church. The fact that we have women deacons has



Outward bound: girls from Harrogate Army Apprentice College, aged between 17 and 19, are put through their paces in inflatable boats on the Ure river, near Ripon. North Yorkshire, in preparation for an expedition to the Himalayas this year - the first female recruits to go on such a trip

Chips are down for gourmets

By Alison Roberts

FROM the street cafes of Paris to the fish bars of Blackpool prom, Europe's catering industry has its collective back to the wall as the public count the cost of dining out.

A report out today from Foodservice Consultants Society International shows that last year Britons, along with the rest of Europe, spent far less on eating out than in 1990, with consequent casualties for the industry. The majority of restaurateurs cut their staff,

Burger bars and other fast food outlets suffered the most, with the higher price-range restaurants faring slightly better. Even in France, where the gourmet is said to be most at home, restaurants had a hard year.

Alan Dixey, manager of The Country Pie in Witney, Oxfordshire, said profits were down some 45 per cent on 1988. He said: "It's been awful. We have had to lose three staff members. This recession has affected me far more than any other."

Farewell to the Queen

Ottawa: Lawyers in Ontario, Canada's biggest prov-ince, will no longer be required to swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen on being called to the Bar. The Law Society of Upper Canada voted 30-5 to make the oath optional.

Cape Town: Paul Simon's South Africa ended peacefully when the singer gave his farewell concert here on Saturday. (AFP)

Tour finishes

Speed limit

Paris: Transport minister Georges Sarre announced that a 37mph speed limit would be imposed on French highways when thick fog cuts down visibility. The decision follows a series of crashes in log on Saturday. (AFP)

Video nasty."

Taipel: A nine-year-old schoolboy hanged himself in his bedroom after his mother punished him for playing video games, police said. (AFP)

Lost notes

Burbank, California: Original scores by Beethoven and Mozart were destroyed when fire swept through a building here housing music scores and art, officials said. Damage from the blaze was estimated at \$7.5 million (£4 million). (AP)

Green toy crusaders clean up

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

CHILDREN regred on the adventures of Barman and Superman will soon be invited to endorse the green politics of Toxie, an environment-conscious superhero, who heads the new Toxic Crusader range of toys. Toxic and his hideously deformed allies wage war on waste and the ecological unsound activities of By-Killemoff, Bone head the acid rain biker, and Other masties.

"It's clean-un time" may sound an unlikely baule cry. but Michael Loveland, Euroean marketing director for Bandai, the company which has brought the toys to Britain, said yesterday that the mop-toring Toxic was a hero whose time had come. "We found that children are tremendously conscious of environmental issues. This is a way of making children

aware of these very serious issues through role playing." The Toxic Crusaders willsoon be joined by the Trash-Bag Bunch, "gladiators of the rubbish dump", which will be launched by Hornby in February. The 36 figures will each be sold in bio-degradable rubbish bags which dissolve when immersed in

warm water. Green board games in-clude Global Challenge. launched at the Toy Fair this weekend. It replaces the Trivial Pursuit categories with headings such as Marine Life, Poliution and Endangered Wildlife.

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Star's history lesson

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Actress Melanie Griffith says her latest film role opened her eyes to the severity of the Nazi Holocaust in the second world war. I didn't know that six million Jews were killed," she told the New York Daily News. "That's a lot of people." Griffith, aged 34.



portrays a Jewish turned allied spy in the wartime romance Shining Through, with Michael Douglas. She denied Holly-wood rumours that she and Douglas became romantically involved. She is married to. Miami Vice star Don Johnson. They have a two-year-old daughter, Dakota.

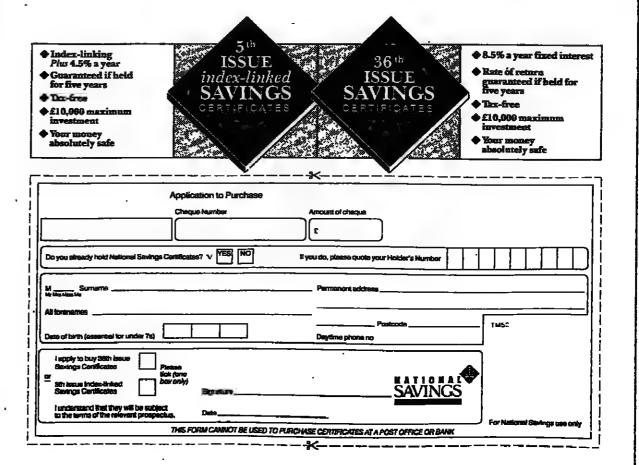
□ ·· Entertainer Roy Castle was having tests in hospital last night after suffering from migraine. The 59-year-old host of BBC TV's The Record . Breakers was admitted to the Thames Valley Nuffield Hospital, Wexham, Berkshire, on Wednesday. Castle, an ac-complished tap dancer and trumpeter, had a hip replacement operation last year.

Sir Harry Secombe left hospital yesterday vowing to carry on with the show by interviewing the prime minis-ter, who had visited him in hospital. Diabetic Sir Harry. aged 70, was taken to hospital for tests when he collapsed with a stomach bug while filming his programme Highway in John Major's Huntingdon constituency. . 🗖

Police are considering whether to take action after a knife was found on England international John Fashamu at Heathrow. He was questioned but not arrested when the flick knife was confiscated at Terminal Two.

Monty Python star Michael Palin is to be honoured by Sheffield, where he made his stage debut at a preparatory school. He is to be presented with an honorary degree by Sheffield University.

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the handicapped, a church usher and a hard-working first-year-university student in Rhode Is-

land. She will, however, have one

bie matter to explain under cross-

examination by Vincent Fuller, a

star of the Washington criminal

defence bar whose past victories

have included winning an insanity conviction for John Hinckley, the

man who shot President Reagan.

Mr Fuller will ask the woman why

she accepted Tyson's invitation to

visit him at 2am and then failed to

report any trouble until a day after

The boxer, who is not expected

his limousine whisked her away.

to testify, insists that the sex was

consensual, a notion ridiculed by

the prosecution, which will make

much of the contrast between his

huge bulk and the 7-stone woman.

Why is Labour so polite?

The Opposition lost its killer instinct,

then it lost support, says Peter Riddell

'The real

the Tory

sounds

The Labour party faces the same dilemma as Alfred Doolittle in Pygmalion. It is a victim of middle-class morality. The party is trapped by its need to appear responsible and respectable. As a result, Labour has been fighting the pre-election campaign on the Tories' terms. What the party needs now is a dose of vulgar populism to shift the debate

One of the puzzles of the past few months has been that Labour has not been performing better in the polls. The economic background has been bad for the government, with the predicted recovery not materialising. Yet Labour has not pulled ahead, as it did before past election victories - even if many Tories are being far too euphoric in assuming that they have already won the campaign. There is plenty of time for Labour's planned (and deliberately delayed) counter-attack over the public services. And there is no sign that voters are enthusiastic about re-electing the government.

In the short-term, however, the have edged into the lead in the weekend polls as a result reason for of their offensive against Labour's spending and tax plans. But that is advance is merely a symptom of the Opposition's difficulties. The that Labour real reason for the Tory advance is that Labour often sounds apologetic apologetic and and defensive. It is defensive' still fighting the battles of 1983 and 1987, trying to

that it is no longer extreme and implausible as an alternative government. But the need to appear responsible has constrained both what is proposed and how it is

When listening to Labour spokesmen in the Commons or at news conferences I have often been struck by their lack of passion. There is little to excite the electorate. What is on offer is less a new Jerusalem than an improved personal savings plan. The point was brought home during last week's Commons economic debate by Nicholas Budgen, a Tory critic of the results of joining the exchange-rate mechanism. He asked John Smith to explain "how it is possible for any future Labour government to improve the [economic] position". Mr Smith did not offer an alternative macroeconomic policy, but instead argued that "deplorable weaknesses in investment, training and education on the supply side have also weakened the British economy". That may be correct, but remedying training and educational failures will take years to show results. Meanwhile, all Labour can really suggest is that increased investment incentives may produce a

more sustainable recovery.

If it cannot promise much change in the short-term outlook. Labour needs to focus instead on the Tories' record. Neil Kinnock will not make much headway by arguing that Labour would make a significant difference to most people compared with the Tories. except in helping the worst-off

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

relative to the best-off. His best case is that Labour deserves a chance because of the mess the Tories have made of the economy.

the poll tax and public services.

Labour won in October 1964 less by winning converts than by undermining the Tories on the theme of "13 wasted years". Now, while there is no shortage of farfetched abuse, there is little of that sense of time for a change. Mr Kinnock can manage such an uplift when at his best in a platform speech, though this seldom comes across as well on

Roy Hattersley has been one of the few to show much fire in his challenges to the Tory tabloids. Otherwise, Gordon Brown provided a rare example of effective Labour invective before Christmas when he denounced very large pay

rises for the top executives of recently privatised companies. He noted, for example, that Iain Vallance of British Telecom had said his (high) salary was compensation for appearing on the front pages of the tabloids. Mr Brown said: "If Mr Vallance is to bear

the heat of The Sun for being the chairman, what about his deputy chairman? Is he being pensated against the possibility of a small mention

on the back pages of the Financial Times? Are the other directors being compensated for the risk of their names appearing in Accountancy Age? Perhaps soon they will receive compensation for having to appear in the telephone book itself.

Of course, all this is more in the spirit of Machiavelli than of Mill. It is below-the-belt, negative and, no doubt, thoroughly to be deplored; the politics of envy rather than of constructive debate. But if Labour leaders want to win the election, or rather to achieve their prime aim of denying the Tories another overall majority, they may have to shift to such a populist attack on the government's record, rather than just swapping statistics over levels of investment. They should re-read Lloyd George's speeches from 1909-11. After all, the Tories are being pretty unscrupulous in their anti-Labour campaign; their party political broadcast on television last Wednesday was what the Americans evocatively call "down and dirty".

In a close fight, as now, the Tories have shown more of a killer instinct than Labour. They are more determined, even desperate. to hold on to power, to keep the ministerial posts that have become part of their lives. While no one should underestimate Mr Kinnock's desire to become prime minister. Labour has yet to show a similar ruthlessness. Respectability and responsibility are unlikely to be enough for victory.

Charles Bremner watches the opening act of America's latest, and darkest, legal morality play

arellite vans line the street, the sex experts are assembled, the woman judge has posed for the press and the Shakespearean metaphors are flying from coast to coast. It is time for a fresh act in America's moveable morality tale, the smash hit of the 1990s, entitled: How

Men Treat Women. After the Clarence Thomas affair and the Kennedy Smith soap opera, comes the boxer's tale, a more sombre drama of sex, power and celebrity whose anti-hero is Michael Gerard Tyson, the Brooklyn delinquent who grew into the youngest and richest heavyweight champion of the world.

In keeping with the darker overtones, the venue this time is Indianapolis, a chill and worthy Midwest city about as far as America gets from the posturing of Washington and the frolics of Florida. The judge is also no Mary-Lupo, the belly-dancing aliciona-do of the Kennedy Smith trial in Palm Beach. Justice Patricia Gifford is a former sea-crime prosecutor, a Republican, member of the Daughters of the Revolution, and one-time boss of

If the prosecutors of Marion County have their way, the recently glorious career of Iron Mike will

Mike and the women

end in the state prison, a lesson to the folly of men who believe wealth and fame entitles them to slake their carnal appetites on any woman within reach. Mr Tyson, who is 25, faces a maximum term of 63 years if convicted of raping and performing sexual acts on an 18-year-old contestant in the Miss Black America pageant in his room at the Canterbury hotel, Indianapolis, last July.

Just as in Palm Beach, and

Washington, the case will boil down to a woman's word against a man's, but this time there is less ambiguity than a sense of inevitability. The cards appear stacked against the boxer. Not since Erroll Flynn was tried in 1943 for seducing under-age girls has an entertainment star been charged with such a plausible offence, as far as his public image is concerned. As one of the organisers of the pageant put it, the boxer is "a serial buttocks fondler".

Robin Givens, the actress who was married to him for six months in 1987, cast him as a predatory brute. Mr Tyson's defenders.



Tyson: his biggest bout

among them race activists who are appalled at this "black on black" spectacle, see him as the tragic victim of an unscrupulous sport and society. This, they say, took a 13-year-old purse-snatcher and turned him into a global celebrity at the age of 20, unterly unequipped to prevent his selfdestruction.

The woman this time is of impeccable character, a teacher of

will enjoy none of the celebrity of Roy Black, the Kennedy lawyer, because Indiana does not televise

Though deprived of live coverage, the Indianapolis trial is not short of sub-plots to whet the voyeur's appetite. A procession of experts, for example, is expected to pronounce on such things as the state of Mr Tyson's private parts. The judge has, however, barred testimony from five preachers who were to explain the effect the boxer has on women and also ruled out an interpreter who was to translate Mr Tyson's New York ghetto speech for Midwestern ears.

Mr Tyson's entourage are wor-ried that he could fall victim not so much to the new censorious dimate of the sex wars, as to an oldfashioned desire among jurors in this meat-and-potatoes heartland to draw a moral line against America's decadence. Recent boasts by sports stars of their thousands of sexual conquests has

not helped the atmosphere.

When the trial ends in about The state has also learnt from the Kennedy case, where a lacklustre prosecutor was outgunned by a big-money attorney, and it has hired Greg Garrison, a private legal "gunslinger", to lead its three weeks, acquittal would free Mr Tyson for a chance at winning back the title he lost in 1990 from Evander Holyfield. His take from the bout, due in March, is to be team. Mr Garrison has posed for \$15 million, more than enough to the press in his favourite cowboy cover his defence costs. boots and leather braces, but he

Clodhoppers on crusade

The vulgarity and religious ambiguity

of Jews for Jesus are a liability

to two faiths, writes Bernard Levin

o offend one of the world's great faiths is dangerous; to pake one's nose into two at once could only be described as foothardy. Nevertheless, I am unable to refrain from joining in a row that has started badly and promises to get worse.
It concerns a body called Jews

for Jesus, from America, which has been here for some time; it recently took out a large advertisement to proclaim its intentions. For those who know nothing of the organisation I propose to give you an idea, based on the prospectus

Jews for Jesus is a proselytising group. Its members seek - well, they would deny the word, but there isn't another — converts to Christianity. Were they to argue that Judaism is a false faith, and should be classified as such, they would be unlikely to get a foothold. and I would certainly not be writing this. But they come at their targets with their hands metaphorically full of gold, frankin-cense and myrth, in the form of flattery for the Jews.

This flattery is laid on not with a trowel but with a full-sized mechanical earth-mover. Here is a taste: under the heading "You don't have to be Jewish to celebrate Christmas, but it helps". it runs:

Richard Harvey was born Jewish, brought up Jewish and even looks ... Jewish ... He loves Borscht, geflite fish and ... chicken soup, and will admit – privately at least — that his mother's is the best in the world. Or at least this side of Tel Aviv. It's true that he's never be to Sputs and that he's not a regular customer at Bloom's. But then, as Rabbi Mendel of Prague might have said, no one's perfect. Even Richard's mother won't quibble with that.

With such a pedigree, it might surprise you to discover that Richard is also a follower of Y shua (the Jewish way to say Jesus). Not that it

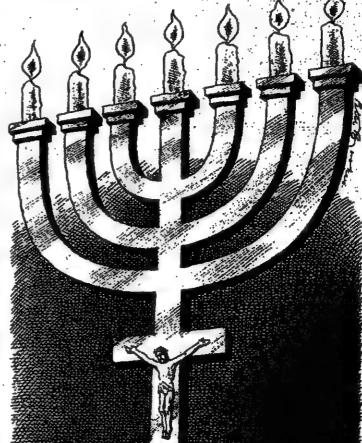
should be a surprise. After all, Y shua was Jewish. He was born 2.000 years ago of a Jewish mother in the Jewish town of Bethlehem.

That, I take it, will give you the rough idea for the moment. The pafish vulgarity of the whole thing is enough to make anyone -Christian, Jew, Muslim or Aztec disemboweller - go and find a quiet corner, there to pray for mankind in general and the people who thought up that comeon for Christ in particular.

It is hardly surprising that the Chief Rabbi of Britain, Dr Jonathan Sacks, has expressed a digni-fied hurt, saying, "Throughout the Christian centuries the vast majority of Jews were willing to suffer persecution, expulsions and martyrdom rather than break their covenant with God", to which the head Jew-for-Jesus, a Mr Mark Green, showing all the sensitivity of a Bactrian camel with a compound fracture of the spine, replied, "There is no question of a repeat of the Spanish Inquisition" (as my late mother would have said, "Oh, that's really nice, dear, isn't it"), "but if a decade of evangelism is going to be effective. some people are going to be upset". It may be said in Mr Green's defence that if he goes on like that he will soon have converted everybody to atheism, so there will be no problem, but for the time being he has signed off,

perhaps to count his converts. Now, however, let us charitably conclude that the Jews for Jesus organisation did not know what kind of red-nosed reindeer they had, chosen for head spokesjew. Try, please, to put the creature out of your mind, and even forget the advertisement from which I quoted above. Where stands

The Jews immediately plead not guilty, and their plea must be accepted. Judaism is not a prosel-



were not born a Jew and want to be one you will find it practically impossible (I first wrote "you will find it the devil's own job", but I thought I might be misunder-stood). I think that Islam does seek converts, and I am almost sure that Hinduism does not, while Christianity's present problem (one of them, anyway) is that it is embarrassed to be thought to be seeking converts, while

wanting them. But the trouble today with most of the great religions is their diffidence. I take it that a religion which claims to be following the truth, the whole truth and nothing

yrising religion, and indeed if you but the truth must, even if only by a process of elimination, think that the other religions are, for all their holiness and worship, mistaken. I. of all people, should not bandy scripture with experts, but in these ecumenical days it is surely reasonable to ask Christianity what its founder meant when he said. None shall come to the Father but by me. I do not offer those words to give offence, but many a devout Christian is worried by them, and many a bishop, opening his heart to other faiths, must be hard put to it to provide an answer. I doubt if you will get a very convincing answer anywhere, bishop or no bishop, but I am not

was Ronald Knox who wrote a jesting essay called Reunian all Round, in which he rolled up all. the faiths into one ball. Well, his joke has come a long way since then, and long ceased to be one: People such as me, who hover on the edge of the swimming pool.

simultaneously longing and fear-ing to jump, can have the luxury of believing that even if it is not true that all roads lead to Rome, all roads do lead to Heaven. But not very long ago that attitude, to true believers, would have been felt impious, if not heretical.

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et us go back to the Jews for Jesus, forgetting the revolting hype. At once, an believe that their Christ has come. Jews that their Messiah is yet to appear; unless there are two savloors, one or the other must be mistaken. The National Secular Society would say both were wrong, while all but fundamentalists would say both were right. But the Jews for Jesus have found an ingenious way round the dilemms. I go back to the advertisement which caused the spouble:

Most of Y'shua's early followers were Jewish - Peter, Paul, James and John. They believed ... that Yshua a the Messiah who was born to bring joy to the whole world

Jews and Genzies silke . . . And that's why Jews who believe in Yshua love to celebrate Christmas. It is after all the birthday of the greatest Jew Who ever lived.

This business has disturbed many, and will disturb many more, few of us like leaflets thrust into our hands, and fewer still like the leaflets to offend their deepest beliefs. Obviously, I defend the organisation's right to try to convert the Jews of Britain, though I doubt if they will convert any. But, oddly, they might convent some Christians. The Jews can simply deny the thesis; the Christians will have to search their hearts to see whether evangelism, after all, may be right. It would be a strange effect if, in the end, such slop as Jews for Jesus were to achieve the suffering of Christian conviction.

...and moreover Matthew Parris

ew, listening yesterday to
Sue Lawley interviewing John Major on Desert Island Discs, will realise how much care went into the prime minister's choice of music. By chance, a memo has fallen into my hands: it appears to be addressed to Mr Major from his private secretary . . .

PM's Choice of Music For Desert Island Disca

You requested thoughts on the to elicit approval from key groups among the electorate and abroad. I refer to your summarised note: "Christians (inc. Non-Conformists). Jews. oldies, youth/pop. classical, jazz, Anglo-US. Anglo-Russian. EC. Mrs T (appeal to pros & antis). Norma. blacks. patriots. sports fans, Irish. Reinforce economic optimism."

As instructed I have sought advice from heads of government denartments and received. also, representations from Mr Christopher Patten made in his capacity of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. A summary

of suggestions follows. (1) You were anxious to please Mrs Thatcher. You also proposed that our "special relationship" with the United States be promoted. It was, further, your view that (among the electorate) aficionados of both classical music and jazz find something for their tastes. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, especially in a recording by the New York Symphony Orchestra, might sat-

(2) You were concerned to distance yourself from Mrs Thatcher, but discreetly. You might consider asking for the soprano aria from "the mad scene" în Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor. You did, after all, want something that brought back memories. Further, such a request would flatter our Italian partners in the EC, with whom you may recall that relations have been somewhat strained since your predecessor crossed swords with the Italian president in a number of disagree-able scenes. Clearly a Suther-land recording would please Mrs Major.

(3) Irish music. The Northern Ireland Office proposed a number of songs with a Protestant flavour but there are strong objections from the FCO, who feel that this could disturb relations with the republic at a sensitive time. The NIO have vetoed anything with a southern Irish flavour. In the circumstances it seems that a very light touch is required. How about The Elfin Dance? There is a good recording by Rostropovich. t was your request that Anglo-Russian relations be, if possible.

cemented by your choice. (4) Colleagues were conscious of your desire to include music appealing to black voters. Also noted was your request (as you put it) for "something for the under-forties". But you were clear that any "pop" must not offend older voters. A proposal which finds consensus is Diana Ross and the Supremes' version of The Happening. The Home

Office has researched drugs implications. We are satisfied there are none.

(5) You may wish to balance this with what you called "a iollipop for the oldies". Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance might please this group and also strike a helpfully patriotic note.

(6) You ask me to propose something with a Christian flayour. You also mentioned Britain's Jewish community. The FCO, however, is anxious that nothing you choose should distance you from Arab concerns. The words ('Jerusalem, Jerusalem') of The Holy City might strike a helpful note here and the piece has the advantage of appealing strongly to Method-

ists as well as Anglicans.
(7) It would seem a pity. so close to an election, not to stress your "sporting" links, but many of the songs associated with organised sport ("Here we go. here we go ... " etc) have yobbish connotations. These are anathema to the Home Office. Cricket, sadly, seems to have inspired almost no music. A long shot, but could a recording of a John Arlott commentary be found in the BBC archives?

We must not forget election hopes for an economic recovery. Rather unaccountably, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has proposed a recording of Only Make-Believe Chris Patten thinks The Best is Yet to Come might be more suitable. Mr Patten asks me to emphasise that the suggestion is made purely in his capacity as Chan-

ceilor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Major's second innings

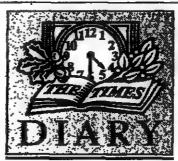
JOHN MAJOR'S choice of luxury hem on Desert Island Discs yes-terday, a life-size replica of the Oval cricket ground, was almost disallowed by the BBC after the programme was made. Major's choice initially fazed Sue Lawley who, after some hesitation, conceded that it was acceptable.

But once they came out of the studio Lawley asked: "Can we allow that?" A lively discussion followed between the prime minister and BBC officials about whether the choice had breached the 50year-old programme's rules. The castaway is not allowed any form of shelter and the programme editors pointed out that the Oval would protect Major from inclement weather. It also has a bar, giving the castaway a second luxury that is definitely not allowed.

Caroline Millington, head of BBC radio magazine programmes, insisted that the prime minister could not be made an exception and should return to the studio to pick another luxury. But Lawley and Janet Lee, the programme producer, were on Maior's side

The prime minister was not unprepared. I did come armed with another choice." he told them. Before he could reveal it, Lee put her foot down and ruled that the Oval was acceptable. So what was the alternative? Friends of the prime minister reveal it was the 22 yards of hallowed turf that

comprise the Oval wicket. Speculation that though the luxury item might have been Major's choice. the discs were picked by his aides drew a haughty denial from Central Office. But officials did admit they had been in touch with the BBC to find out what previous premiers had chosen for the show.



 When BT published the tele phone number of Oxford East's Labour MP, Andrew Smith, in its new telephone directory, it inadvertently printed the number of Oxford Conservative Association BT has now agreed to print the MP's correct number in a leaflet that will be distributed to every home in his constituency at a cost of thousands. As this comes only weeks before the general election, Smith could not be happier.

The last comrade

A LONDON vicar may be the last man to daim the title of being honoured by the Soviet Union. Only ten days before its demise the Rev Gordon Taylor, rector of St Giles in the Fields, received a Russian commemorative medal to thank him for his efforts in the second world war.

Taylor served as a chaplain with the Royal Navy in the Murmansk and Archangel convoys between 1941 and 1945. "Despite their political problems the Russians managed to honour their old debt to British sailors before time ran

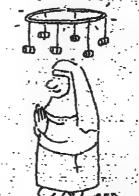
His gold-plated medal came through the post with a certificate in Russian. "I haven't yet found anyone to translate it. But I understand it expresses the thanks of the USSR," he says.

Saint of the outback

AN OBSCURE Scottish nun may become Australia's first saint. Mother Mary McKillop, who taught children in the bush in the 19th century, is expected to receive venerable status from the Pope. within weeks.

Mother Mary, whose roots are in Roy Bridge, inverness-shire, was once excommunicated. because of her progressive teaching methods. The Catholic Church in Scotland is optimistic that ven-erable status, the first stage on the way to becoming a saint, will be, granted soon.

McKillop founded the Institute of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866, the institute later becoming known as Mother Mary of the



Cross. It has 1,800 sisters in Australia and New Zealand and includes convents in Ireland.

Her call to religion came at 19 and Mother Mary went on to establish 170 schools, which were attended by 12,000 children. While Mother Mary, who died in Sydney in 1909, left a lasting information and in Americka to Schools of the State of the St pact in Australia, in Scotland she has been virtually forgotten. The Major: Mrs Thache Scottish Catholic Observer learnt happy to oblige

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of the impending event only by chance. One of its reporters overheard an Australian nun talking about it to a priest at a church fete in Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

■ While George Orwell never thought much of his birthplace, Hayes, it seems the town's schoolchildren don't think much of him. They have boycotted a planned production of his play King Charles II, which was performed only once, by Hawthorns High School for Boys, where Orwell used to teach. The play was to be centrepiece of a festival to mark the 60th annihosyany of Frie Blair the 60th anniversary of Eric Blair taking the name Orwell. The children offer the unlikely, but commendable, reason of being too involved in exam revision.

Russia's favourite

MRS THATCHER'S popularity in Russia shows no sign of abat-ing. Boris Yeltsin is spending only five hours in London later this week on his way to the United Nations summit, but he will spend one of them with the former prime minister.

Yelisin goes straight from the airport to Downing Street for lunch and talks with John Major, but he has built into his night schedule a meeting with Mrs Thatcher at her Westminster office.

Not everyone at the Foreign Office is pleased that Yeltsin still attaches such importance to talks with the fortuer prime minister. But Yelisin is motivated not only by the urge to hear Mrs Thatcher's views on how best to revive the Russian economy. One of the main benefits of the meeting will be the television coverage back in Moscow, where Mrs Thatcher is held in far higher esteem than Major: Mrs Thatcher is only too.



IN GERMANY'S FOOTSTEPS

So recession is over; prosperity is to be in our from its G7 and European partners for time. To judge by surveys of business and consumer confidence, Britain does not believe in the reassurances from Norman Lamont and John Major about economic recovery. But now the happy message is coming from a presumably reliable source. The forces inhibiting economic activity in many countries are dissipating and the conditions for improved global growth now exist", declared the communique issued over the weekend by the G7 leading industrial nations. "Today," exulted Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, we made a commitment to do everything to accelerate the recovery of the world economy." The meeting's communique, he added, was "the most important for years".

The voice of experience begs to differ. Finance ministers and central bank governors are politicians first and economicclairvoyants a distant second. They must be reckoned professional optimists in troubled times. Phrases such as "improving con-ditions for non-inflationary growth" and "intensifying cooperative efforts" are printed in advance on every G7 communique. The G7 foresaw a global recovery at their last meeting in October and the one before that in April. They were equally optimistic in 1989 and 1990 and failed completely to anticipate the recession. They will fail to foresee the next recession as well.

The communique extended to an unprecedented five pages, mostly devoted to country by country descriptions of the heartening economic developments in the G7. This effort at boosterism was mainly designed as a warm-up for President Bush's state of the union address tomorrow night. The Americans can take genuine comfort from their government's determination to pull their economy out of recession and from the long list of expansionary measures thrown into the global kitty by Japan at President Bush's behest. But for Britain, and other European countries hiding in the skirts of the Bundesbank, the meeting offered little.

Germany pointedly ignored all appeals

monetary easing or any other internationally co-operative action. The Bundesbank unequivocally repeated that German interest rates will be determined solely by Bundesbank officals' perception of what the German economy requires. After the G7 meeting, British and French politicians pointed with satisfaction to Germany's agreement that "there could be room for lower interest rates" if various conditions were satisfied. But the fulfilment of the German conditions are many months off.

On the key issue of fiscal policy, the German part of the communiqué made clear that the "fiscal consolidation" demanded by the Bundebsank as a condition for lower interest rates was not even on the horizon. On the contrary, the Germans reiterated their plan to cancel an income tax surcharge and introduce new subsidies for investment and housing. The government's promise that these new tax cuts will be financed by unspecified cuts in public spending and subsidies does not inspire confidence. Germany's failure to fulfil such promises in the past suggests an expanding budget deficit in the year ahead, putting additional upward pressure on interest rates throughout Europe.

For Britain and other European countries, the message from the G7 meeting is clear. A slow economic recovery is likely in Europe, as it is in America and around the world. But a German-led Europe will remain a debilitated island of high real interest rates and low growth for the foreseeable future. ERM countries which want to maintain adequate growth and investment despite high real interest rates will have to follow the German example, boosting their budget deficits and targeting subsidies at what they conceive to be strategic sectors. Governments that do not like the German model should not be in the ERM. Not since the war has Europe been so in thrall to Germany. Not since the signing of the Treaty of Rome has Germany's commitment to true European "union" been so cynical.

MR RIFKIND'S FOLLY

There are two train routes from London to Scotland. One is from Euston, the other from King's Cross. Both are roughly 400 miles, both can reach Glasgow and Edinburgh, the one carrying 15 million passengers, the other 11 million. For the past 12 years of Conservative government, nobody has devised a way of making them compete with each other. Buses, planes, servies, and hotels have all swhiched from public monopoly to private competition. But the great rai monopoly has defied ideology and cowed even Margaret Thatcher into appearement.

Nothing would be a better indicater of John Major's commitment to supply side economic reform than to break up this most famous of nationalised industries. The main lines to Scotland may be rare among railroutes in offering direct service competition (London to Exeter, Southend and parts of the Midlands also qualify). But they illustrate the battle taking place between Downing Street and the railway interest, represented by Malcolm Rifkind's transport department.

British Rail has not resisted privatisation, provided that its "network integrity", shorthand for its character as a national industry, is maintained. As concession to those who want it broken up, it has offered to sacrifice its InterCity sector, but again only if this core network is kept intact. The reason is simple. This sector has for the past decade been run as a corporate entity, suppressing all regional identity (and certainly any competition on London-Scotland). Its assets of track, stations, land, and signalling are interwoven with the rest of BR. These assets, whose exclusive exploitation lies at the root of private enterprise, cannot be disentangled except with fiendishly complex accountancy.

Hence BR's offer of its infrastructure to trains belonging to a single private InterCity company. Such a company would be the

existing InterCity managers in new clothes. at the mercy of a BR contract for up to half its costs and, in effect, for its profits. While dividing this company up on a regional lineof route basis might at least give BR a more open negotiation with a variety of potential service companies — and might be a weak fall-back position for Mr Major's lobby - a single InterCity contract would hartily be any

change at all. Corporatism would rule. Mr Rifkind is here outling up a formidable defence of the status quo. He is handing BR's most profitable market over to a private monopoly, keeping much of its costs, along with unremunerative feeder services, in the public sector. This is half-hearted privatsation at its worst. He is pushing it on his colleagues with a flurry of naive but electorally bloodcurdling threats: safety is at risk, marginal seats will fail, research and development will collapse, passengers will be confused, British engineering will fall behind. Industrial lobbies always peddle such scares when fighting their corners. Mature

ministers should not give in to them.

The prime minister's preferred solution, of dividing up InterCity and the rest of BR into its regional components, routes, assets, subsidies and all, would secure a thriving, diverse and competitive industry. A vigorous central agency would be be needed to regulate monopoly pricing, inspect safety, fix non-InterCity subsidies, clear cross-boundary charges, liaise with the EC. But the essence of privatisation would be achieved, a divestment of public sector assets to new private companies with coherent markets and identities. The Great Western would live again, and the Royal Scot and Flying Scotsman would once again race each other to the border. It should not be beyond the wit of the government to give electoral appeal to this climax in its privatisation programme.

COSTA DEL VERDE

Ecological correctness has come to the holiday industry. Until Green became a household word, recycling sounded like an extra setting on the washing-machine: the one for tearing off buttons and shredding underwear. Now the attitude police of Green consumerism rule every aspect of life. Their latest verdict on the great modern obsession. the holiday, is agreeably paradoxical.

The Green Consumer Guide, as reported today in Life and Times, comes to the unexpected conclusion that the holidaymakers who generally do least harm to the environment are those who seem least green in youth and esprit de corps. Those despised package tourists, whose idea of a holiday is lying on a toasting beach in heaps, swilling duty-frees, gorging hamburgers with ketch-up and overindulging in fleshy tastes, are doing less harm to the planet per head than apparently more thoughtful travellers.

Essex Man and Woman go on holiday packed in charter planes and coaches so tight as would give baked beans ochlophobia. But their form of travel is highly fuel efficient. Once they have arrived, they stay put in their high-rise or low-canvas tourist ghettoes, so that their pollution is confined to a small area of the planet. They do not roam and do little damage. They are passive consumers of sun, sea and sand.

The self-righteous Green backpacker and get-away-from-it-all adventure traveller are the real threat to the ecology. By insisting on wide open spaces, by seeking wild "unspoilt" nature, or exploring little-visited sites and ruins, they are continually destroying the environment they come to admire. Their transport is less efficient in fuel than that for ress tourism; their incurable wanderiust

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drags the stain of the twentieth century into formerly undisturbed places, from Nepal to the sleepy back streets of Renaissance towns. Their comparative wealth corrupts their innocent hosts. Art treasures are endangered by the slow contagion of their humanity. Tourismo snobbery comes into this para-

don. One man's beatific Happy Isle is another woman's boring dejà vu. The barb of late twentieth-century one-upmanship is Serenissima-swank: reporting back, with snaps and video, from an exotic and improbable holiday, where nobody in the office or the neighbourhood has set foot before. The happy wanderer is thus hoist with his own sandal-strap and backpack by this Green report on holiday habits.

What is the ecologically correct response? The one absolutely green holiday is to stay at home in bed watching the window-box grow, organically. Though this might be more restful than many vacations, it is not a satisfactory answer. The fact that masses of people can now afford to go on their own Grand Tours is one way in which the world has changed for the better. But this is a crowded planet. The greens are right to insist that tourists of all sorts must be taught and channelled to tread more softly.

The old hickory proverb suggests that if you want to clear the stream, you should get the hog out of the spring. On an earthly estate in which there are only a limited number of streams and a great many hogs, it is wise to steer the holiday hogs into wellworn watering-holes, if that is what they want. But the hog who likes and finds solitude should refrain from boasting. Newspapers, perhaps, should keep their "guides to undiscovered places" to themselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unionist view on collapse of talks

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist Party)

Sir. The claim in your editorial of January 21 that "Unionists wrecked last year's 'Brooke initiative' " is utterly false. The true position is that Mr Brooke ended the talks on July 3, 1991, a full two weeks before they were due to end, because the Social Democratic and Labour Party had refused to engage in serious detailed discussions about possible new systems of representative local administration for Ulster.
On December 19, 1991, Mr

Brooke met both Unionist leaders and put to them a formula for fresh talks. Both accepted this proposal. The same formula was put to Mr Hume, who said that he was unable to give a response that day and finally, on January 16, after attempts by Mr Brooke to see him earlier, told him that he was unable to accept the formula_

On January 21 Mr Brooke responded to that refusal by inviting all four party leaders to a meeting on January 23 to try to resolve the obstacle. Mr Molyneaux agreed. Dr. Paisley asked for clarification as to what the obstacle was: a not unreasonable request, as no one had formally communicated to Unionists the exact nature of Mr Hume's

objections.

That meeting did not take place:
not for the reason that your report of January 23 suggests — Dr Paisley's "reluctance" to attend — but because Mr Hume apparently found it inconvenient. Throughout the whole of this process the Unionists have sought better and more fruitful procedures for fresh talks.

However, the most powerful interest group that wants the stalemate to continue is the Northern Ireland Office. It is a truly irresponsible body. It is totally insulated from the views and opinions of the Ulster people, and in practical terms, it is ince from proper parliamentary scrutiny. Bipartisanship over Ulster at Westminster is now mainly reduced to a determination to continue the present squalid system of direct rule.

For a decade and a half our party has argued that it is more important to have proper procedures at Westminster and responsible local gov-ernment than to engage in so-called initiatives like the Anglo-Irish Agree-ment which, ignoring the principle of consent, are doomed to fail and leave the situation more difficult.

Sincerely, DAVID TRIMBLE, House of Commons. January 24.

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, Edward Gorman ("Laying down the law could be the only route to peace", January 20) says that there is "a widespread desire in Northern Ireland for more talks or for a settlement of some kind". To meet this desire, he proposes to abandon talks in favour of "an improved solution".

If it takes 12,000 British troops to hold the ring for "talks about talks", how many will it take to put through an improved solution which contains (as Mr Gorman plainly envisages) a significant Irish (i.e., Republican) dimension? However tempting such a fresh proposal may be, it still requires to be costed.

A second question must be raised. based on the assumption that the supreme aim of British policy for Northern Ireland should be to provide our fellow-subjects there with freedom from violent death. Mr Gorman's proposal is for a new regime to be established by British law and enforced by the British army (any armed contribution by the Republic in such circumstances is somewhat unimaginable). What is there in this to tempt the IRA, which has been fighting the British for over 70 years, to renounce its present successful campaign? Nothing.

Surely this chimera of an imposed solution should be chased away without further consideration. Yours faithfully.

ANDREW GILCHRIST, Arthur's Crag, Hazelbank, By Lanark. January 20.

Protecting the elephant From Mr Simon Lyster

Sir, It is nonsense to suggest, as Sir Christopher Lever did (letter, January 20), that the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is "procrastinating" on the continued protection of elephants under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered ites (CITES).

WWF was at the forefront of the effort to ban trade in lvory at the last CITES meeting in 1989. The ban has helped reduce the poaching in many parts of Africa and we think it should continue. We are also spending some £2 million on elephantrelated projects in Airica, because we are passionately committed to the conservation and prosperity of elephants throughout the continent.

There is the further question, raised by Dr Richard Leakey, director of the Kenyan wildlife service (report, January 22), of whether, in return for not trading in ivory, some

allowed to trade in hides from culled elephants, since hide is not sufficiently valuable and too difficult to treat to be of interest to poschers. Even this would be risky unless elephant populations and management in those countries are in really

southern African countries should be

panel says before jumping to a conclusion. This seems to us plain good sense.

SIMON LYSTER (Senior Conservation Officer (International)) WWF UK. Panda House, Weyside Park, Catteshall Lane. Godalming, Surrey. January 23.

University status

From Dr Tony Wood

Sir, I must challenge your report (January 16) that colleges aspiring to achieve university status in the near future (eight not "up to a dozen" as stated in later editions) will find the door closed.

Officers of the Department of Education and Science have assured the Standing Conference of Principals (Scop) that colleges that attain the criteria can apply to the Privy Council for permission to adopt the title of university.

You reported the requirement for research degree-awarding powers — something not required of 21 of the

Algerians in France

From Mr J. R. M. Whittome Sir. If Mr Foster in his letter (January 23) is so certain of the dismal conditions imposed by the French on their Algerian immigrants, no doubt he also has a convincing explanation as to why their compatriots are still queueing up to join those already in France. and why those who are residents are so obviously unwilling to return nome

Yours faithfully, J. R. M. WHITTOME, Bacon Wish, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex. January 24.

Decade of Evangelism From the General Secretary

of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland

Sir, Clifford Longley (January 18) argues that the churches have lost their way in their focus on evangelism and unity. He argues instead for concentration on renewal. What he has failed to grasp is that the renewal of the Church includes its mission and its unity. He forgets the prayer of Jesus for his disciples "that they may be one that the world may believe". To concentrate only on what he sees as the essentials would lead the churches into a cul-de-sac.

How does Clifford Longley judge that the Decade of Evangelism has so far achieved little? From my journeys around the local churches in these islands I find a new sense of urgency in study of the Christian faith and in thinking and planning

good shape. CITES in 1989, is currently reviewing the situation in southern Africa - a process to which all conservation organisations, not just WWF, have agreed. We want to see what the

Yours faithfully.

polytechnics shortly to be re-designated. It would indeed be invidious if applicant colleges had to attain benchmarks not required of other members of the enlarged

university sector. However, Scop has been assured by the department that new institutions applying for these powers will not be disadvantaged in relation to the polytechnics.

Yours faithfully, TONY WOOD (Chairman, Standing Conference of Principals), Director and Chief Executive, Luton College of Higher Education, Park Square, Luton, Bedfordshire. January 17.

From Mrs Rodney Dennys

Viewing crown jewels

Sir, I would suggest a cheaper and simpler method than rehousing the crown jewels for easier viewing (report, January 15). Could not a video about the jewels, their history, a description of the stones and so on be shown elsewhere in the Tower build-

This could reduce the need for people to linger in front of the actual jewels, which could remain on display where they now are. Yours faithfully. E. K. DENNYS.

Heaslands, Steep, Nr Crowborough, East Sussex.

of ways to share that faith with others. In that planning there is also a

recognition that the churches today musi enter into a sensitive and honest dialogue with people from other world faiths present and active in our communities.

We are in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and that too is dismissed by Clifford Longley as "a reminder of lost hopes". That is not my judgment, based on the experience which I and other colleagues have of the renewed commitment at every level of church life to seek the unity of the Church.

Of course it is easy to caricature the search for unity as denominational imperialism by the larger churches. but 30 churches in Britain and

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For and against keeping a monarchy From Sir James Cable

Sir, Janet Daley ("Enemy of the people", January 21) suggests that we would be better off as a nation

with a president than with a mon-arch. As an ex-diplomat I may have met more presidents than she has. Being politicians, whether active or superannuated, they were all contro-versial figures in their own countries. The more remarkable they were as

individuals, the sharper the animosities they excited. Among the diplomats, officials, soldiers who served or represented them were always some who would murmur in private: 'of course, he's not my president".

Not all servants of the state are comfortable with political abstractions. For those who prefer a human figurehead for their patriotism a monarch is less divisive and has a wider popular appeal than even the most charismatic of presidents.

Yours faithfully, JAMES CABLE, 8 Essex Close, Cambridge. January 21.

From Mr Jack Butler

Sir, I suspect that the US president is exposed to at least as many obsequi-ous handshakes as Her Majesty and gives no more "value for money" to those participating in such inane ceremonies. British royal occasions are no more of a "shaming circus" than are presidential motorcades and media conferences.

If the public finds it necessary to glorify a figurehead. I suggest that the British monarchy, with all its ancient pomp and ceremony, is a better object of such glorification than the often tatty totems erected by Americans for this purpose. There is certainly no evidence that, in republics in general, and the US in particular, "artists, scholars and morally courageous individuals" are taken more notice of than they are over here. Yours faithfully,

JACK BUTLER. 84 Park Road, Southport, Merseyside.

From Mr Ian Cobbold

Sir, Janet Daley gives her reason for attacking the institution of royalty as a need to plunge wholeheartedly into democracy. There is truth. Our democracy is being destroyed wholesale. It has become almost irrelevant at local government level, whilst at national level democratic control has been almost entirely lost.

Effectively destroyed by the "whips" of the party system, what little is left is being further delegated to the untried and mostly unelected institutions of the EC. Ill thought-out

and hastily drafted legislation is forced through Parliament, to be further enlarged upon in detail and force by ministerial decree and bureaucratic interpretation; whilst effective control by the Council of Ministers is largely impractical and often side stepped by the Commission and its sinister committees. Janet Daley is right: we do indeed

need to wake up and to defend our democracy. May be we should strengthen it. have more control over who becomes our future king or queen and then give them some real power. Power of

Yours sincerely. IAN COBBOLD. Edgcott House, Over Stratton, Somerset.

last resort in fact.

From Mr David Mahrer

Sir, As one who desires the political right to call himself "citizen" before he has to add the prefix "senior", may I congranulate Janet Daley on her cogent argument for republican

democracy. i am, Sir, your faithful subject, DAVID MAHRER, 31a Cadogan Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

From Dr Maureen Guirdham

Sir, Janet Daley misunderstands the role of the royals. Like dustmen, they do our dirty work: without them, people with better things to do would have to present the BP Expo '92 awards or open new classrooms in a boarding school (Court Circular,

January 21). What is more, the royals sell newspapers. Their only real drawback is the expense; but surely the cost to the taxpayer could be reduced by a tax on the tabloids ner column inch of royals coverage, and a tax on the heavies per column inch of antimonarchist articles.

Yours truly, MAUREEN GUIRDHAM. Barn Cottage, Wash Lane, Montacute, Somerset.

From MrT. L. I. S. V. Iremonger

Sir, I was an MP for 20 years. I guess that 51 per cent of Major's and 99.9 per cent of Kinnock's prospective candidates and millions of electors agree with Janet Daley that our monarchy should be abolished. So why won't any candidate say so? Because they guess many more millions disagree.

T. L. I. S. V. IREMONGER, Milbourne Manor, Nr Maimesbury, Wiltshire.

Origins of skiing From Mr John Dahl

Sir, Philip Howard ("Winter's slip-pery slope", January 17) maintains that the ski sport was "invented" in 1902-3 by Henry and Arnold Lunn.

However, the start of the sport is more usually ascribed to Bjorland Blom, sheriff of Western Telemark in Norway, in the 1660s. He organised the local lads at Morgedal to compete in jumping and cross-country. Morgedal kept its pre-eminence for over two centuries and a man from Morgedal, swept the board at the first national competition at Holmekoilen, Osio, in the late 19th century.

A later Bjorland Blom of Morgedal, a direct descendant, who was then world skiing champion, was one of the five members of Amundsen's expedition to reach the South

Pole in 1911.
When Mr Lunn first visited the Holmekollen championship and saw the jumpers flying above the height of the treetops, he is reputed to have exclaimed: "I don't believe it".

Yours sincerely. JOHN DAHL 3 Holden House Cottage, Holden Road. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. January 17.

Sound of silence

From Mr John Adams

Sir, Mr Bell (letter, January 23) does not have to travel to the Poles or Siberia to "hear" absolute silence. He should visit Birmingham and gain access to Symphony Hall when not in use and close the sound-lock doors behind him. Yours faithfully. JOHN ADAMS, 150 Hayes Lane, Kenley, Surrey. January 24.

Ireland committed themselves just over a year ago to seek the unity which is God's will for his church.

The shape of that unity is as yet unclear but we are already finding

new ways to work together which capitalise on that commitment. Living the good news" is the theme of ecumenical study groups this Lent. To judge by sales of the study booklet those groups will involve thousands of Christians of all traditions in exploring the outreach, the renewal and the unity of the Church. There is stirring at all levels of church life something that Clifford

Longley has failed to recognise.

Yours faithfully, JOHN REARDON. General Secretary, The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, Inter-Church House, 35-41 Lower Marsh, SEI. January 21.

From Mrs Jean Wynne Sir, I was furious to read Philip Howard's statement. Skiling was brought by my father, the late E. C. Richardson, from Norway to Switzerland in 1901.

He had skied in Norway while still at Cambridge in 1895, was the founder of the Ski Club of Great Britain by whom he was acknowledged to be "the father of British skiing" in their obituary on his death

There is in Davos a memorial to him and his brother, C. W. Richardson, and the Wroughton brothers, who skied in the early days of the sport in Switzerland.

Yours faithfully, JEAN WYNNE 4 Holben Close. Barton, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Robert Wallich

Sir, Philip Howard alludes to a ski resort named Mirabelle. For those like him whose appenie for the sport is jaded, may I recommend the French resort of Meribel, which is also a plum, though of a different

Yours faithfully, ROBERT WALLICH, 19 Taibot Road, N6.

Mantegna exhibition

From the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts

Sir. Your Diary claims (January 18) that the National Gallery was "less than co-operative" over our Man-tegna exhibition. That is not fair. The National Gallery has lent us one great masterpiece, The Introduction of the Cult of Cybele in Rome, the finest of all Mantegna's grisaille paintings. If other loans were not forthcoming, it was for good reasons - which we accepted - and we felt that visitors might be prepared to travel a few hundred yards to see The Agony in the Garden and other

works at the National Gallery. It may have been a mistake on our part, but it is certainly not evidence of any lack of co-operation on theirs.

Yours sincerely.
PIERS RODGERS. Secretary. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1.

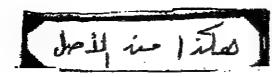
Asset stripping

From Miss Clemency Firth

Sir, it is misleading to declare that Lloyd's names liability for loss is everything they possess "down to their shirts and cufflinks" (leader. January 16).

Matters are much riskier: 22.5 per cent of names are women. Yours faithfully, CLEMENCY FIRTH, 45a Clarendon Road, Wil.

Forthcoming





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 26: Divine Service was held at Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Bishop of Worcester

Today's royal engagements

preached the sermon.

The Queen will visit RAF The Princess of Wales will visit Pine Lodge, Thames Valley Hospice, Hauch Lane, Windsor, at 11.40.

The Princess Royal, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will make the Master's annual trade visit to Walsall, arriving at the Chamber of Commerce at 12.45.

Memorial services

Professor Francis Sandbach A memorial service for Professor Francis Sandbach was held on Saturday in Trinity College Cha-Saturday in Trinity College Cha-pel, Cambridge. The Rev Andrew Davey officiated. Mr Martin Sandbach, son, read the lesson, and Dr Catherine Sandbach-Dahlström, daughter, read Little Gidding from Four Quartets by T.S. Eliot. Professor E.J. Kenney gave an address.

Miss Marion Zunz

A memorial service for Miss Marion Zunz was held yesterday in the Westminster Synagogue, Knightsbridge, Rabbi Dr Albert Friedlander officiated. Sir David Attenborough. Mr John Sparks and Miss Rosalind Coward paid

Albert Arthur Jones

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Albert Arthur Jones, of Pavenham, Bedford, will take place at Bunyan Meeting Free Church, Mill Street, Bedford, on Wednesday, February 5,

H.C. (Phil) Phillips

A service of thanksgiving for the life of H.C. (Phil) Phillips, MVO, MBE, will be held in The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on February 14, at noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to The Regimental Adutant, Welsh Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SWIE 6HQ, before Feb-

ST JAMES'S PALACE January 26: The Duchess o Kent this evening attended the Evening Standard British Nat-ional Film Awards at the Savoy

Mr Mohamed Ai Fayed, chair-

Birthdays today

man, Harrods, 59; Professor Gillian Beer, professor of English, 57; Mr N.R. Bornford, head master, Harrow School, 53; Sir Wilfrid Bourne, QC, former Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and permanent secretary, Lord Chan-cellor's Office, 70; Mr Jack Brymer, clarinettist, 77; Mr John Brymer, clarinettist, 77: Mr John Bury, designer, 67: Mr Michael Collins, clarinettist, 30: Sir Kenneth Corfield, former chair-man, STC, 68: Mrs Mairead man, STC, 68; Mrs Mairean Corrigan-Maguire, Nobel laure-ate, 48: Baroness Cumberlege, 49: Lord Dunboyne, 75: Sir John Eccles, neurologist, 89: Air Com-modore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Captain of The Queen's Flight, 54; the Right Rev H.D. Halsey, lormer Bishop of Carlisle, 73; Mr W.R. Hearst, Jr. editor-in-chief, Hearst Newspapers, 84; chief, Hearst Newspapers, 84: Brigadier Rita Hennessy, former matron-in-chief, QARANC, 59; Mr John Hopkins, writer, 61; Viscount Lifford, 43; Señor Federico Mayor Zaragoza, direc-tor-general, UNESCO, 58; Lord Merrivale, 75: Miss Nina Milkina, planist, 73; Miss Pat-ricia Rawlings, MEP, 53: Sir Brian Ro. (life peer), actor-manager and chairman, Mencap. 68; Sir William van Straubenzee, tormer MP. 68; Lord Vinson, 6).

Lecture

Guild of World Traders

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins, GBE, opened the fifth annual Tacitus Lecture which was delivered by Sir Crispin Tickell, GCMG, KCVO. Warden of Green College, to the Guild of World Traders on January 22, at the London World Trade Centre. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were welcomed by the Master, the Earl of Limerick, KBE, the Wardens and the Founding Master. 150 members of the Guild and their guests

Nature notes

HERRING gulls are courting and quarreling in the sky: they stretch out their necks very stiffly and emit wild yelping cries, sometimes even in the half-light of dawn. Most herring gulls stay but some move inland to feed on rubbish dumps. The commonest gull inland now is the black-headed gull, which feeds in the fields with lapwings and rooks. Many of them are starting to acquire the chocolate-coloured hood of their breeding plumage.

Herons are standing round their treetop nests and poking at the twigs with their long, yellow beaks: next month they will begin building seriously. When one flies off on its heavy rounded wings, it looks like a large figure 3 moving horizontally through the air. They fly, generally, at about 25



Derek Jennings

Shedding an effortless superiority

THE official definitive response of the Roman Catholic Church to the collected reports of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC 1) has in religious terms caused a stir. Reactions differ. There are Anglicans and Roman Catholics who are delighted. It proves their point union with Rome does mean submission to Rome as the Rev Ian Paisley and Evelyn Waugh might have agreed. Others have pointed out that if "consonant with" is truly seen by the Roman Catholic Church as mean-ing "identical with" then there are serious problems.

However, I believe that the ecumenical dialogue has sufficient impetus to cir-cumnavigate that reef, particularly since there are hims in the official response to suggest that the response itself comprises more than one set of views. More serious from the Roman Catholic point of view is the potential ordination of women to the Anglican priesthood, and it must be presumed, to the episcopate. That even-tuality would certainly put off a reconcili-

ation of ministries sine die. But in addition to these difficulties I would like to suggest another, less often considered: cierical anitudes. The social inter-relationship between Anglicans and Roman Catholics is seldom considered. However, I sense in the attitudes of not a few Anglican clergy towards their Roman Catholic colleagues a certain effortless superiority, a condescension well disguised by ecumenical politeness. Such attitudes may have roots in the Establishment: in the fact that, for instance, Anglican cathedrals and parish churches dominate city and countryside; that only Anglican bishops have seats in the House of Lords; that hospitals, prisher House of Lords; ons, and some universities have an offi-

cial Anglican chaplain. No amount of friendliness, in most cases very real, no amount of joint clergy days, no number of shared churches, will by themselves remove that sense of slight superiority which Anglican dergy so often exude, absolutely unintentionally, indeed intending the opposite, and

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nicolas Bernoulli.

which so many Roman Catholic dergy sometimes deeply, and often unconsciously, resent.

Furthermore Roman Catholic priests and laity are heirs not only to a martyr tradition and to centuries of persecution and discrimination but also to a more subtle form of social discrimination. Anglican clergy have traditionally been educated at university and, whatever their social origins, have in the main espoused middle class life-styles and

Many of them prize a cultural tradition which has a particular place in English life. This tradition has been formed by the Authorised Version of the Bible and the language of the 1662 prayer book; it takes in cathedral music and the poetry of Herbert and Donne.

Of course the tradition is gradually weakening and a number of Anglicans of all schools would welcome its disappearance. I regret its passing. However, traditions feed parasites; less worthy traditions which need to be constantly examined. I would suggest that this great, literate, musical Anglican tradinon, when seen beside the predominately Irish tradition, which is the cultural nexus of Roman Catholicism in Britain, has fed a feeling of social and cultural superiority amongst Anglicans, ex-pressed in countless nuanced ways; and this is not unobserved or unfeit by many Roman Catholics. This feeling of superiority and the reaction to it certainly contribute to many of the difficulties being experienced by ecumenism at

It has been often pointed out that the process of finding a genuine reconciliation between churches cannot take place on the basis of theological convergence; it demands a real unity of belief within which legitimate diversity may flourish. But it also demands real changes in social habits and attitudes. It demands a real respect for differing cultural and social traditions.

English Roman Catholics need to discover again the value of, for instance, the

musical tradition so treasured in the Church of England; to appropriate for themselves something of the careful and measured use of cadence and sentence structure in the best Anglican liturgy; to share in the Church of England's involvement in civic and national life as a very important means of evangelisation.

Clergy of the Church of England see in the French Roman Catholic Church a church that has a strong cultural tradi-

astical superiority.

Anglicans, on the other hand, need to consider carefully their own ecumenical vision. It has been widely commented upon that many Anglicans find ecumenous that many and the ecumenous that many anglicans find ecumenous that many and the ecumenous t nism more attractive outside Britain. There is a tendency to claim that "if only we were in France" life, ecumenically. would be so much easier.

tion closely bound up with the history of the nation. They are welcomed in Prance by French priests who find, perhaps, that Anglicanism speaks to their latent Galli-

Anglican priests receive in France the very welcome which they do not feel that they receive from their Roman Catholic colleagues in Britain. Many of the latter, more aware of the historical and theolog-ical realities of the present day Church of England, and recipients of the largely unconscious de haut en bas amindes of the Anglican clergy have, in reaction, adopted a defensive, conservative attitude towards ecumenical dialogue. They have sheltered behind a belief in ecclesi-

The exploration and analysis of these social and cultural differences needs ensitive and patient work on both sides. it demands a look at some unspoken prejudices and assumptions that cannot but be painful; and it forms part of that reconciliation of the inheritance of both churches of which Bishop Mark Santer of Birmingham has written in his essay on "The Healing of Memories". The process needs time. It would be time well

Father Derek Jennings is Roman Catholic Chapiain to King's College London and City University.

Mr M.C.G. Batter and Miss J.C. Lumsden-Cook The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr Peter Baxter and of Mrs Peter Baxter, of Pirton Worcester, and Julie, daughter of Mr Anthony Lumsden-Cook, of Great Tew, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Christine Newberry, of Guildford, Startey ... Mr N.N.L. Betcher, MRCVS

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Mr C.R.I. Dewharat and Miss J.A. Boyd The engagement is announced-between Charles, son of Sir Jack and Lady Dewhurst, of Harefield, Middlesex, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr and Mrs William A. Boyd, of Shenington, Banbury,

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The engagement is announced
between Karim, ediest son of Mr
and Mrs U.J. Ghaddan, of Rosemary Heisen Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.N. Borton, of Penshurst, Kent

Mr R.L. Hemes and Miss S.J. James The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr Donald Ralph Hemos and of Mrs Isobel Radley, of The Vicarage. Waltham St Lawrence.
Reading, and Samannia, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs.
Rowland Janes, of Kyo, Rogate, West Sussex.

The Revd J.J.G. James and Miss P.W. Steed The manage will take place shortly between the Revd Gervyn. James, of Upper Chelsea, and Miss Patricia Steed, of Wimble.

marriages

and Miss F.J. Duncan The engagement is announced between John, son of the Rev Nicholas and Mrs Monk of Swindon, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Duncan, o Nottingham.

and Miss A.H. Mansfield

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Colonel and Mrs Basil A.A. Phummer, of Wichem Bishops, Essex, and Anna Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mis Terry G. Mansheld, of Chapmore End, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.A. Richardson and Miss A. Boone

The engagement is announced between Nell only son of Mr and Mrs Mark Richardson, of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, North-umberland, and Andrea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas C. Boone, of Wisconsin, USA.

MrNP. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Neill Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Thomas; of Otford, Kent, and Jayne Laura, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.D.L. Parker, of Formby, Lancashire.

Mr R.J. Tuguna and Miss J.P. Hopkins

The engagement is announced between Richard John, only son of Mr and Mrs D.U. Tugman, of Monaco, and Jennifer Page, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Hopkins, of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mr M.M. Webb and Miss V.C. Steele-Bodger The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Webb, of Javes, Spain, and Clair, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. Stecke-Bodger, of Tamworth, Stafford

Marriages

and Miss H.M. Gordon Leaner The marriage took place on Saunday at the Priory Church of St Mary and St Blaise, Bongrove, Chichester, West Sussex, of Mr Michael Lindsell, son of Mr W.M. Lindsell and the late Mrs W.M. Lindsell and the late was Lindsell of Lymington, Hamp-shire, to Miss Henrietta Gordon Lennot, second daughter of Lord and Lady Nicholas Gordon Leanot, of West Wittering, near Chichesner. The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and the Rev Jeremy Haselock officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Lery leinner, was amended by Lady Aleiandra Cordon Lannor, Freddie Caldeout. Thomas Caldeont, Jessica Crawley Chiefes Crawley and Katherine Joseph, Mr James Anderson was best man. A reception was held at

Goodwood House and the honey moon will be spent abroad. Dr S.M.A. Vavasour and Miss S.I. Jaques
The marriage took place on
Saturday, Jamusty 25, 1992, at St
Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place,

London, between Dr Simon Mark Andrew Vavasour, son of Mark Andrew Vavasour, son of Mr. Christopher Vavasour, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Cecilie: Vavasour, of Ashford, Kent; and Miss Sarah Lucy Janoes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Jaques, of London. Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, officianted. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was

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School news

Schools, St Andrews, Fife Term began on Toesday, January 7. Mrs Gillian Gibson took on her post as Housemistress of St Rule East and Mrs Key Proudlock as Senior Mistress at the beginning of term. As Open Day for parents of prospective pupils for St Leonards will be held on Tuesday, March 3, and for prospective St Katharines pupils on Wednesday, February 5. Interested parents are asked to contact the school if they wish to attend. Among the Sixth Form lectures, which are open to the public, are included on Satorday, March 21.

talks from Mr Malcolm Riftend,
MP, whose lecture is entitled "Is
Democracy Safet", Professor
Struther Arnott, Principal of St Andrews University, will speak about "Genes, Joints and Jellies", Mr. Michael Fornyth, MP, and Mr. Philip Benson, Psychology Department, St Andrews University. The Higher Education Convention will take place on February 13, and the Senior Drama Society and the Senior Choir production of The Matchgirls will be performed on March 18, 19 and 20. Term ends

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BENCE-TROWER

WALUS - On January 15th to Janette (née Staubus) and Janette (née Staubus) and Robin, a daughter, Florence Crace, a sister for Clarence.

BUCKLEY - On January 23rd 1992. peacefully in Bupa Fride Coast Hospital. Brian Holden, aged 59 years. Dear son of the late George and Electr and beloved brother of Grela Funeral Service will take place at St Cuthbert's Course by that age on Friday.

announcement regarding a Memorial Service in Lerds will be made at a later date wai or made at a later date Flowers t/o J A Porter. Windsor Court, Windsor Road, Ausdell, Lytham St Annes, Lancahire, let: 10253) 735423

10253) 735425
GREASE - On January 21st. In hospital Thomas Crosble. Cdr DSO. RN Iret'di aged 85 years, of Lillie Silver. High Bickington. Devon. Much loved father of Paul. grandfather of Andrew and Joanne and dear hurband of the late Molly. Funeral Service at North Devon Crematorium on January 28th at 2 pm. Femily flowers only. Donations, if desired, to king George's Fund for Sations or RNLI CROSS - On January 22nd

miles an hour. Skylarks are singing over the fields when

the fog has lifted: they hover or circle around with unbroken song for several minutes before plunging to earth

Small blue-green leaves are opening on the twining honeysuckle, and there are green tips on the aspen buds. In the ditches, goose grass plants like tiny pale green fir trees. are already numerous. DIM

DEATHS



Cheryl Baker, the singer and television presenter, married Steve Stroud, a. musician, at All Saints parish church in Blackheath; London, on Saturday

CROSS - On January 22nd 1992, suddenly at home in Chipstead, Alan Gordon aged 74 yrs, much loved and devoted father of Linda and Joving hisband of the late Laine, Service at St. Peter's Church, Woodmansterne on Friday 31st January at 11 30am followed by committat at Ramdalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation or Chest Heart and Stroke Association. BIRTHS

and James, a daughter. Mary Lorna.

FELLOWS - On January 23rd, to Juliet thee Macaire; and Andrew. a son. George Richard Thomes, a brother for Oittia and Mark.

MELSOM - On January 23rd, to Melanie and Andrew. a daughter, their fourth child.

VERNION - On lanuary 22rd, to Sheena thee Wilson; and Richard, a daughter. Poppy Alissia.

DEATHS

DUNLOP - On January
24th1992 in Scolland,
George Teacher. Corran and
Torbain. Funeral Service at
Rhu Parish Church on Tuesday 28th January at 12
noon, thereafter privale.
Family flowers only donalions to Rhu Parish Church.

LUETKERS - On January
23rd 1992, suddenly al
home, W L Luetkers, beloved
husband of Martina and
father of Iris and Jane.
Funeral arrangements.
Requiem Mass 10 am Thursday, January 30th at Sacred
Heart Church, Edge Hill.
Wimbledon, followed by crematton at 11.15 am at
Putney Vale Crematorium.
No flowers please, Donations
to the British Heart
Foundation.

DAY - On January 24th.

DAY - On January 24th, peacefully al Balcombe, John Edward aged 57, beloved husband of June, sieplather of Christopher Arabella and January al 3pm at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath. No flowers but donations to Taunton Association for the Homeless, c/o of Oswald Clarke, 20 West End. Brucar, Somerset

REES - On January 23rd
1992, procefully at Williton
Hospital, Gertrude Phoebe
Metrion Rees, OBE, aged 91
years, Playwright, fate
Chairman of Somerset
County Drama and Member
of British Drams League.
The funeral service will be
held at 1.45 pm on
Wednesday February 5th at
St. Decuman's Church,
Walchet, followed by
cremation at 3 pm at the
faunton Deane
Crematorium Family
flowers only please,
donations to the R.S.P.B.
c/o F.H. Willicombe F/D. 8
High Street. Williton.
Somerset

Dinner

Guests of Honour.

BIMPSON - On Japusty 2000

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OBITUARIES TO THE

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RENDALL CLARKE

S. H. R. (Rendall) Clarke, ocean racing yachtsman and carpet manufacturer, died on January 3 aged 82. He was born on October 13, 1909,

RENDALL Clarke's business acuimen restored the fortunes of the Wilton Royal Carpet company while his passion for yachting resulted in him leading Britain's team in the Admiral's Cup series. His oceangoing yacht Quiver IV, one of a series which he commissioned and skippered, was the leading boat in the British Admiral's Cup team in 1965 and he was appointed team captain. The British team won the series and Quiver was top boat in the series and won her class in the Fastnet Race. She was just pipped. for overall victory by a tiny American yacht named Rabbit, which finished nearly a day later than Quiver but won on handicap.

Rendali Clarke's business career began when he graduated from Oxford University in 1930 and started work in a small Southamp ton carpet-making firm, the Solent Carpet company. Within ten years; he became managing director and then proprietor.

During the second world war the business was turned over to making barrage balloons and other military material. Clarke found himself in a reserved occupation but was determined to join up and achieve an ambition of driving a tank. In 1942 he was able to persuade the authorities to allow him to do this and didindeed drive a tank across Europe from the Normandy beaches to

In 1945 he returned to the carpet business and shortly afterwards was asked by Lord Pembroke to help with the management of the Wilton Royal Carpet factory in Salisbury which was, at that time, owned by the Pembroke family but was in financial difficulties. Wilton, which had provided work for local weavers since the 17th century, was one of the Britain's oldest carpet factories and perhaps the most famous and to make profits and shortly after-

Harry Mortimer, CBE, brass band leader, died on

January 23 aged 89. He

was born on April 10.

1902. -

HARRY Mortimer's name

was synonymous with brass band music. He played a leading part in breaking

sional musical circles towards

brass bands and their work-

ing class origins. He brought

them closer to the world of

orchestral music. In his early

days brass band musicians

were mostly amateurs or

semi-professionals more fully

employed in industrial enter-

prises, from which the bands

Mortimer had the distinc-

tion of conducting the win-ning band in the British

Open and National Champi-

onships on 18 occasions and

of conducting a brass hand

concert as part of the Proms.

From 1930 to 1941 he

played principal trumpet

with the Halle and Liverpool

Philharmonic orchestras -

dashing off between perfor-

mances to play and conduct with brass bands such bands

as the Black Dyke Mills,

Munn's and Felton's and

Morris Motors. These were

years during which he was

able to make friendships with

many of the leading orches-

tral conductors, including

Malcolm Sargent, John

Barbirolli, Adrian Boult and

Thomas Beecham, several of

whom he was later to per-

suade to conduct and com-

pose specifically for the brass

took their names.



joining Lord Pembroke's management team, he bought the company. For ten years Wilton continued to produce some of the most expensive

hand-made carpets available anywhere but failed to achieve profitability. In 1957 Clarke, always a decisive and clear-thinking busi-nessman, radically changed Wilton's business strategy; discontinuing its old lines and ensuring that the old looms were burnt so that nobody would be tempted to restart them. Wilton quickly began Clarke was interested. But instead of wards the Wilton and Solent com-

HARRY MORTIMER

band. Some of the new works held for 25 years until his

retirement in 1964.

Mortimer was born in

Hebden Bridge, West York-shire, into a family that was to

dominate brass band circles.

He first played the cornet at

the age of eight on an instru-ment loaned by the local band of which his father, the

equally legendary Fred Mor-

timer, was conductor. The

family moved to Luton where

the formidable combination

began to thrive. Fred Morti-

mer's three sons, Harry. Alex

and Rex all earned their places in the Luton Band.

with Harry standing on a

ginger-beer box to measure

up to the adults. All three

went on to become conduc-

tors of famous brass bands.

PIETRO DI DONATO

panies were merged, under the name of the Wilton Royal Carpet Company, and floated on the London Stock Exchange.

Clarke was always quick to adopt new technology and when he saw that tufted carpets were likely to take a large share of his market, he set up Hampshire Industrial Textiles in a new factory at Romsey. The success of the group attracted predators. In 1970. Youghal Carpets, an Irish company, made a takeover bid for Wilton and Clarke reluctantly gave up control. Although he became a director of Youghal, he was never

moved only the last three letters from the transom of the yacht and renamed her Quiver. He quickly acquired a taste for ocean racing and in 1958 placed an order for a new yacht, which he christened racing. Quiver III was launched in 1961 and was immediately successautomatic selection for the British Admiral's Cup team. She distin-guished herself in the series with Week and a class win and second overall in the Fastnet Race. In 1963 Ouiver was reserve boat

typically (and cost efficiently) re-

for the British Admiral's Cup team. and for 1965 Clarke commissioned Quiver IV, which proved to be the most successful of all his racers. Quiver V and Quiver VI were built in 1969 and 1971 and were raced very successfully, without ever reaching quite the same peaks. In 1972 Clarke retired from ocean racing and built a 48ft cruising yacht, Quiver VII, which he kept until his retirement from active sailing only a few years before his death. Clarke was rear commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club from 1964 to 1966 and commodore of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club in 1968 and 1969. He was a considerable benefactor of both clubs and after his retirement from active sailing, he was a great supporter of the Royal Lymington Club juniors, providing them with a rescue boat and sailing dinghies.

Despite the deaths of two of his three daughters his main loyalty has been to both his extended and direct family. Both family and friends will remember him for being an enthusi-

of 57 years, Cynthia, and by two of

Quiver II. This yacht competed in the 1959 Fastnet Race and in 1960 a new design was commissioned with the object of competing with the very best in international ocean ful, winning most of the races in which she entered and becoming an wins in the Britannia and New York Yacht Club Cups during Cowes

astic and generous host and sup-porter of individuals and causes.

He is survived by his devoted wife his four children.

APPRECIATIONS

William Rees—Davies

MY FATHER Billy Rees-Davies (obituary, January 14) had the rare gift of oratory developed in his days as Head of Pop at Eton, the Pitt Club and debates at Cambridge and could always be relied upon to add wit, colour and controversy to the House.

You correctly stated he was ahead of his time when in 1959 he introduced a private member's bill to reform the gaming laws but typical of my father was the response he had to the day, July 24, chosen by the Whips for the debate which coincided with his wedding day. Having assembled his colleagues on the Terrace for his reception he led them through the Lobby before going away on honeymoon.

You may be interested to note that his campaign led to reform by the Government and legislation of casinos. Over many years he also campaigned to get betting tax reduced, particularly on course. As a result of these efforts, he was given membership of the Racecourse Association. Action was eventually taken after he had left the House by Douglas Hurd (when home secretary),

You also failed to mention that he set up the Anglo-Greek parliamentary group and chaired it for many years, was secretary of the home affairs select committee, leader of the health and social services committee, and the tourism committee.

As a protagonist, he also played a less well-known part in the change of course of the Conservative party. As one of the original six supporters of Mrs Thatcher he was one of her campaign managers, along with Airey Neave, and orchestrated her victory over Ted Heath to become Leader of the Conservative party. The victory party was held the same night at his former home in Victoria Square.

The speaker Bernard Weatherill (and former Whip) described him affectionately as "not the easiest of my flock to steer through the lobby, but once you secured his word he never let you down".

At the Bar he was a highly regarded criminal lawyer and also became a national expert in town and country planning law. He took Silk (Queen's Counsel) in 1973.

One of the youngest head of chambers he successfully defended many hardened criminals. Former colleagues. clients, opponents and his judges all have a story to tell about him. He'll be remembered as a wonderful orator. famed for his cross-examination techniques and his closing speeches which (delivered without a note) rarely failed to charm and sway

iuries. Above all, however, he loved life - women, parties, racing, art and antiques were his passions. No one knew how to enjoy life better.





James Morton's postscript (January 21) to Billy Rees-Davies's obituary omitted a delightful story told to me by my pupil-master, Judge Krikler. Billy, whose client had been found guilty by an Old Bailey jury, had embarked on a dangerous plea in mitigation of sentence. He started to concede what a terrible life of crime his client had adopted. The prisoner in the dock, via his solicitor, tried to pass Billy a note. He stopped and looked round.

"I understand my client wishes to pass me a billetdoux," said Billy to the judge, (who I think was Judge King-Hamilton).

"Much more likely to be a Billy don't," observed the judge.

Stephen Hall-Jones

DOROTHY ALISON

Harry began to conduct when he was 15 and in 1939, when the Fairey Aviation Works Band was formed, became its conductor and musicai director.

As a youth during the the first world war Harry Mortimer was invited to play the trumpet in a theatre orches-tra, an experience which, he always believed, was invaluable when he later auditioned for a piace in the Halle Orchestra. He was appointed OBE in 1950.

During these and later ears Mortimer became a household name as a conductor of brass bands. He had a long association with two in particular, the Oxford Band (formerly the BMC Concert Band) and Fairey Aviation Works Band. He also conceived the idea of putting bands together and using them as one orchestra, ensembles known as Men o'Brass, which he conducted at concerts and in a number of widely acclaimed television programmes. Even in his late seventies he was constantly in demand as a conductor, both in Britain and abroad. He also organised the British Open Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester, and gave much encouragement to the National Youth Brass Band.

Mortimer was appointed CBE in 1984. He is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters from his first marriage and a son from his

Dorothy Alison, actress, died in London on January 17, aged 66. She was born in Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia, in 1925.

WIFE, mother, teacher,

nurse: these were the typical

Rendall Clarke at the helm of

his yacht Quiver IV (above)

happy with its management and

retired from the business as soon as

Ren Clarke's consuming interest.

apart from his family and business,

was sailing and yacht racing. His

father owned a yacht and he there-

fore started young. In the 1930s and

for a few years after the war he raced

dinghies keenly with the Centreboard Racing Club which

had been formed in 1934 by Charles

Nicholson and a group of local sailing enthusiasts at Cracknore

Hard. After the war it reformed at

Hamble, but by that time Clarke

was becoming more interested in

racing larger boats in which he was

always welcome as a crewman, not

only for his competence and enthu-

siasm, but also for his immense

In 1957 he bought his first cruis

ing yacht, a 37-footer named Qui

Vive. Wishing to change the name,

but uncertain as to a new name, he

he felt able to do so.

Dorothy Alison roles. If proucers wanted a star actress to exude glamour and excitement - though after the heyday of Gainsborough and Margaret Lockwood such divas passed out of fashionthey went elsewhere. But if they sought a sensitive, warm, reassuring presence in the supporting cast, Dorothy Alison would never disappoint. In the highly popular Reach for the Sky (1956), she was particularly notable as Nurse Brace, patiently guiding RAF pilot Douglas Bader (played by Kenneth More) in the use of his artificial legs. In The Long Arm (1956) she served with distinction as Detective-Superintendent Jack Hawkins' wife, neglected in her Bromley semi-detached while her husband chased crooks. She was a secretary in Alexander Mackendrick's The Maggie, an eccentric Ealing comedy which pops up on afternoon television from time to time. Other films saw her worrying over Richard Attenborough, a fellow lodger in The Man Upstairs (1958), and young Colin Peterson, wild urchin hero of The

Behind Alison's pleasant, polite demeanour, however, lay a considerable talent that deserved wider scope. She attacked even the most stereotyped film roles with redeeming vigour and sincerity. On stage, latterly, she

Scamp (1957).

spread her wings, playing Aunt Nonnie in an Australian tour of Sweet Bird of Youth. She also wrote scripts for British television during the Seventies including Baby-lon (1971) and Song at Twilight (1973).

She first entered films in cast her in a small role in Eureka Stockade, a period adventure shot in her native Australia, directed by Harry Watt, which capitalised on the craggy cobber features of Chips Rafferty. Two years later Alison came to England. At first work was scarce; then Ealing's Leslie Norman, producer of Eureka Stockade, picked her to play in Mandy (1952) the dedicated teacher of the young deaf heroine portrayed by seven-year-old Mandy Miller. The British Film Academy nominated Alison for their most promising newcomer award.

The promise, regrettably, was only partially fulfilled. By the Sixties. British films were struggling free of their middle-class cocoon and had less use for Alison's homely wives and mothers. But she remained in work - she even graced a Hammer horror. Doctor Jeykll and Sister Hyde (1971) - and in the Eighties was kept tolerably busy with cameo roles, both in Britain and Australia. She featured strongly in the Australian television mini-series A Town Called Alice (1980). and played alongside Meryl Streep as Lindy Chamberlain's mother in A Cry in the Dark (1988), a film based on the Ayers Rock "dingo" baby case. It was her last major

Canon Leslie Wilson

LESLIE Wilson's ministry a St Andrew's Church, Fort Paul's, Edinburgh. William, was mentioned only briefly in his obituary (January 13) but those who knew him well between 1938 and 1942 will always think of that time as one of the most fruitful periods in his life. He was immensely proud of his Scottish ancestry and of his mem-bership of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, and his regard for both those things was reflected in his dedicated work at St Andrew's and its outposts at Onich and on the Isle of Skye. At 30 he became the youngest canon in the Episcopal Church — and

Communion as a whole. He was a superb trainer of clergy. which was hardly surprising. since he had received his own training from the great To these recollections one

smali footnote must be added. As the obinuary says, his first marriage did, sadly, end in a separation. But I, and many others, remember his wife. Reba. as a gentle, gracious and kindly lady, with a delightful sense of humour. Dr K. A. Jenner

The concise crossword, the chess problem and the answers to Word-Watching are on page 15 of the new Life and

Times section.

JAN 27 ON THIS DAY 1871

probably in the Anglican

The defeat of France in the Franco-Prussian war signalled the triumph of Prussia's military strength and of Bismarck's policy — the unification of 25 German states under the Hohenzollern emperor William I (1797-1858).

THE CROWN OF **GERMANY** (From our Prussian

BERLIN, Jan. 24 Subjoined is the official report of the proclamation of the German Empire in the Salle des Glaces at Versailles, a ceremony which will long be remembered in the annals of Germany and France. In the Palace of Louis XIV,

in that ancient centre of a hostile Power which for centuries has striven to divide and humiliate Germany, the sol-emn proclamation of the German Empire was made on January 18, exactly 170 years after the assumption of the Royal dignity by the Prussian Sovereigns at Königsberg. Though the German people, owing to the necessities of the time, were represented at the ceremony only by the German army, the eyes of the entire nation were gratefully turned to the place, where, surrounded by Sovereigns, Generals, and soldiers, King William an-nounced to the world the assumption by himself and hears of a title for the reestablishment of which we have been yearning the 60 long years that it has been in abeyance. As yet, the infatua-tion of the enemy does not permit us to throw aside the weapons we have taken up in self-defence, and as our unity arose out of the first part of the campaign, so will our Empire be strengthened by the remaining feats of arms. By the selfsacrificing devotion of all classes of society, the nation

has proved that it still possesses

the warlike prowess which distinguished our ancestors 1t has recovered its ancient position in Europe and, neither fearing an adversary nor envying any neighbour, discreet and temperate in its acts and aims, it accepts the destination prescribed to it in the proclamation of its new Emperor. This destination is to add to its power, not by conquest, but by promoting culture, liberty, and civilization. As far as the German people are concerned, there will be no more wars in Europe after the termination of the

present campaign.

"While the King was conversing with the Sovereigns, Princes, Generals, and Ministers assembled in the Chambres de la Reine, the Glaces had ranged themselves in the following order: At the central pillar of the southern front, right and left of the altar which bore the symbol of the Iron Cross, were stationed the troops. The colours, with the standard-bearers, were on an estrade on the narrow eastern front of the hall. Before the altar stood six clergymen — the Revs. Rogge. Abel. Richter Rettig, Lehman and Hoseman.

"At a quarter-past twelve His Majesty entered the hall, when a choir, consisting of the men of the 7th, 47th, and 50th Regiments, intoned the chorale. Jauchzet dem Hernn alle Welt' ('Let all the world rejoice in the Lord'). The King placed himself opposite the altar. "When the choir ceased, the

congregation sang one verse of the chorale 'Sie Lob und Ehr' Praise and Honour unto the Lord's. The ordinary military liturgy was then read by the clergymen, and a sermon preached by the Rev. A. Rogge. Alluding to the well-known inscription on the ceiling of the hall. 'Le Roi gouverne par luimême', the preacher obs that the Kings of Prussia had risen to greatness by adopting a different and more religious motto. The Kines of the earth reign under me, saith the Lord'. The "Te Deum Lauda-mus' closed the service."

Jean Delage

THE French author and journalist who devised the idea of making the white cane a symbol of blindness, has died six months short of his hundredth birthday.

Delage founded the "Cannes Blanches" association for the blind in France after the first world war. He believed that the blind should be instantly recognisable to others and suggested the white came as an identifying

mark. He began as a Parisian cabaret singer and wrote several plays for French-speaking theatres. As a journalist he worked for the defunct Echo de Paris as well as L'Illustration.

When he was nearly 60 he went to Morocco to join the state-owned Radio Maroc. and later became public relations officer for the Casablan-ca International Fair and the Tourism Office. He remained in that country and died in

His last book. Maroc que J'aime (The Morocco I Love). was published in 1987 with a preface by the French foreign minister Roland Dumas. It was dedicated to President François Mitterrand who made him a commander of the Legion of Honour.

Pietro di Donato, American novelist, died in

a Long Island hospital on January 19 aged 80. He was born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, on April 13, 1911.

required a high standard of playing and the brass bands

became a profitable recruit-

ing ground for orchestras.

An important turning point came when Edward El-

gar wrote his Severn Suite -

dedicated to George Bernard Shaw - in 1930 and later,

John Ireland composed his

Comedy Overture and his

Downland Suite. In a rever-

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works were written for brass

bands and afterwards tran-

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mer was able to further his

links between the brass and

orchestral spheres when he-

became brass and military

band adviser in the BBC

music department, a post he

PIETRO di Donato wili be chiefly remembered for one vivid proletarian novel Christ In Concrete, which was first-published in America in 1939 and was hailed in many quarters as a masterpiece. It began, under the same title. as a short story in Esquire in 1937 and attracted attention as the work of a bricklayer whose education had been almost solely through his own efforts. Di Donato was sufficiently encouraged to take a year off to expand it into a full-length novel. After its American success it came out in Great Britain under the Victor Goliancz imprint, then in the forefront of British left-

wing publishing houses. Di Donato was born the eldest of eight children of Italian immigrant parents. His father was a bricklayer who was killed in the collapse of a building when the boy was 12. Not long after that his mother died and di Donato was obliged to go to work as a builder to support his younger brothers and sisters. He was thus doing the heavy labour of a man while still a boy. But despite the obstacles he attended night classes and read widely. learning in particular from Russian novelists.

Christ In Concrete is essentially biographical. Di Donato's father appears as Geremio, a simple and sensuous builder's foreman, the description of whose hideous crushing - on a Good Friday - under the concrete of a jerry-built construction attracted high praise. Di Donate himself appears as Paul, who loses his faith in God when his newly-found mentor, Nazone, falls from a skystraper.

The novel was praised for its "coarse virility" and a descriptive power which owed much to Gorky. It was also criticised, as it was for instance by The Times, for containing "yards of rhetorical and over-written stuff". Where di Donato was effective was in his creation of English dialogue based on colloquial Italian speechforms. Di Donato was better

at creating the atmosphere and times in which his father worked than in treating the philosophical and religious themes woven into the book.

Di Donato returned for a time to bricklaying after this success, working on the buildings connected with New York's World Fair. He continued to publish stories in magazines such as Esquire. One in particular, "The Widow of Whadda-U-Want", which appeared in Discovery, attracted high praise. Three Circles of Light, the sequel to Christ in Concrete, came out in 1960, but it failed to attract the same kind of attention. The consensus was that di Donato had written his masteroiece more than 20 years

His continuing interest in religion was reflected in Immigrant Saint (1960), a life of Mother Caprini. The novel The Penitent (1962) fictionalises this subject mat-

Christ In Concrete remains by far his best book in a career which was not particularly prolific and which faded. It is scheduled for re-issue in America by Signet Books



UK schools in 'time-share' French move

By JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

IN THE increasingly competitive world of private education, the latest selling point is a chateau in France.

With an investment in excess of £500,000. Riverston School, in Lee Green, south London, is to open an outpost in Normandy in April that may be the start of a network of "educational time shares".

As well as doing wonders for pupils' French, the move to the Continent is an indication of the search by independent schools for a feature to attract a regular stream of applicants. Robin Wilson, the headmaster at Trinity School. Croydon, said: "Everyone is nervous this year because of the recession, and now that state schools' finances depend on the size of their rolls, there is bound to be increased competition from the state system

Michael Lewis, the ownerheadmaster of Riverston. said: "We are surrounded by major public schools, and I wanted something that would make us stand out. Like many city schools, we have a shortage of rolling acres, and this will enable the children to improve their languages and develop leadership skills and individual thinking through

Château de la Beaudonnière, three miles from Mont St Michel, is set in 85 acres and will eventually accommodate 60 pupils. From the age of eight they will spend at least a week there each year without any addition to their fees, which range up to £950

Riverston will use the chateau for half the school year. letting it to other schools for the remaining weeks.

If the venture is a success, Mr Lewis hopes to make his next purchase in the Dolomites. "It is my ambition to build a network around Europe, based on the idea of educational time shares," he

Cothill House, a prep school near Abingdon, Oxon, has had a smaller chateau in the south of France for two years. Adrian Richardson, the headmaster, said: "It was the finest thing we have ever done. The whole world wants

Cothill's chateau near Toulouse has 16 bedrooms, a swimming pool and tennis courts. Classes spend whole terms in France, their lessons delivered in French by two local teachers under the direction of English staff.

New College in Cardiff has been in a £300,000 chateau in Britanny for a similar period and also hopes to expand, with an Austrian castle next on its shopping list.

Not all independent schools want or can afford a continental outpost, however. Northbourne Park, a prep school near Deal, Kent, has reversed the trend by bring-ing more French children to England. Graham Fenner. the headmaster, said: "Our fees are much higher than those in France, where they are subsidised by the state, but there is a steady demand for places. The children mix naturally, and both sides benefit enormously."

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Château de la Beaudonnière: educational outpost







Paris on parade: Gianni Versace creations — a jacket in striped silk with multi-patterned ruffle edging and skirt with beads; a satin bolero piped in gold with checked trousers; and a clash of zebra markings with gold baroque print in jacket and skirt

Cosmonauts' strike adds to Sergei's woe

Continued from page 1 watchers of the Russian me-

dia had been correct, almost every sector would have been on strike weeks ago, first in anticipation of free prices. then in protest against them. In most cases, threatened strikes have either not taken place at all or remained only token stoppages. Calls for nationwide "days

of action" have attracted scant support. Big strikes called by medical workers. teachers, transport workers and others have not taken place. A miners' strike in the northern coalfields of the averted by the Russian leadership, and a threatened strike in the mostly Russian coal-mining area of Ukraine has not happened either.

The recently acquired opportunity to strike without being sacked or shot has been tempered by the threat of unemployment. Large-scale re-dundancy among office work-ers, and especially among women, is leaving Russian families with only one breadwinner in a system which has assumed that both men and vomen work full-time.

Those strikes which have taken place have mostly been the result of specific local circumstances. Medical workers and teachers have threatened strikes over pay but the Russian government has managed to keep one step ahead by announcing large pay increases from December and then paying them only in The only comfort for Serge

Krikalev as he circles the globe, sending occasional appeals for more information, is that he is probably blissfully unaware of the true situation in the land he left behind.

Arms talks, page 10

Alert over water war

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billion people would be sharing the same supplies as the five billion who now comprise the world population, he said: There is now no longer an unlimited supply of fresh water — international competition for it is growing, and as demand grows the competition will grow more fierce, more violent. With no clear consensus on how best to use shared water resources for the benefit of all the riparian states, that competition will become conflict.

The call for a "water shock" came from Arcot Ramaof the UN centre for human settlements and the UN's leading expert on Third World cities and their soaring demands for water for drinking and sanitation.

Claws out behind the Paris catwalks

BY LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR IN PARTS

THE haute couture spring shows opened here at the weekend and Paris should have been abuzz with talk about zig-zagging hemlines and trend-setting silhouettes. Instead the talk is of backstage squabbles as designers jostle for prime slots on the show calendar, poach top models, vie for clients and chase publicity. Gianni Versace sent out

enough distractions - jungle prints, fringing, cowboy shirts and gold lace crinolines - to disguise the fact that he had few new ideas. What he the front row, parading a yellow-and-black dogtooth Versace suit and smart patter about the Italian designer whose clothes he will wear on his next tour.

If shock-freeks on the cat-Life & Times, page 4 umn inches, offstage

squabbles will. Valentino, Italy's top designer, has generated as much publicity from a scrap with the Chambre Syndicale, the central body ruling French fashion, as from the collection of coquettish clothes he showed in Paris last night. Not content with his slot on the calendar, he switched it from one of the last to one of the first.

Mutterings from Giancarlo Gianmetti, Valentino's business partner, about other designers being "nobodies or has being "nobodies" nobodies or has being "nobodies cooled: Franco-Italian rela-

Christian Lacroix has refined his flamboyances in his spring collection, shown in Paris yesterday. Several new streamlined silhouettes revealed a quieter side to the Lacroix look

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Tory lead points to April 9 election

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party's message that 46 per cent of families will benefit and only 8.7 per cent will pay more under Labour's tax-ation and benefits package. This will be accompanied by warnings from Bryan Gould oday, and John Smith later in the week, of big poll tax increases in key Tory seats, and of possible VAT increases. VAT, which the Conservatives have lifted to 17.5 per cent, will be highlighted as a "tax on everyone".

Labour's efforts were hampered yesterday as the Conservatives tried to seize upon alleged new contradictions in their tax and spending stance. It centred on the timing of emergency measures which Labour says it would imroduce to revitalise the

Roy Hamersley, the deputy leader, told TV-am's Frost on Sunday programme that the E1 billion package of measures to beat the recession "will happen as part of other issues which come about as the economy begins to move slightly forward". The Tories said that other Labour spokesmen, including Neil Kinnock and shadow Treasury chief secretary Margaret Beckett, had promised that the emergency package was

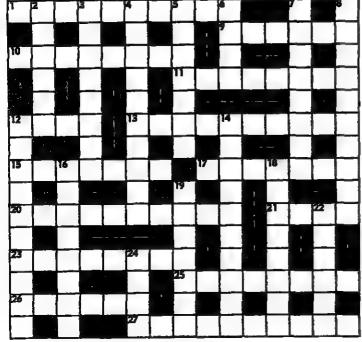
Jack Cunningham, Labour campaigns co-ordinator, told BBC televison's On the Record that there was no confusion and said that the economic package would be im-plemented immediately. Really, it's to trivialise the matter to start picking over individual words and sensences in different television programmes ... I'm not aware that we are saying dif-

ferent things," he said. The Liberal Democrats yes terday welcomed their appartack Mr Major today for refusing to accept that freedom of information legislation should be included in the Citizen's Charter.

Paddy Ashdown said he was delighted with evidence that his party was continuing to gain in the polls. "I think this appalling campaign of sentation; slur, and lie that they have both been conducting, this high-pressure exchange of rudeness, is turning people off." he said on the London independent radio station LBC

Peter Riddell, page 12

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,825



ACROSS

- 1 Water these, otherwise they'll be 25 A book binder's death-certifi-dear (10). 25 A book binder's death-certifi-
- 9 Pop back hurt but brave (6). 10 Drinks are of some help in this
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- 23 The pointless charges made by flighty creatures (8).
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- 3 At one time the nurse called for a stretcher (8).
- 4 The top man's there, mad as can be (10). 5 Talk to direct (7).
- 6 Water colour with the right content (4).
- 7 Sarcasm about self-righteous love — it can sting (8).
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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard WHO THE DICKENS? COLONEL DRIVER An American editor Florence Dombey's lumb MRS KIDGERBURY MR BROOKS a. An usher at Salem House b. An alias for a convict

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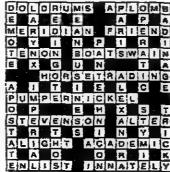
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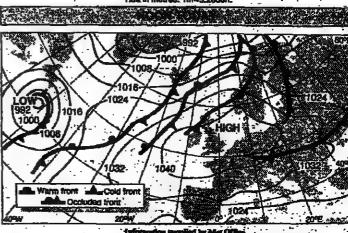
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THE BUSINESS

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

MAN OF THE WEEK

Charmer spoiling for a battle

here is nothing like a whiff of scandal to liven up a com-pany annual meeting. Tomorrow, Lords Han-son and White are due to take their places on stage at the Barbican Centre for Hanson's 28th yearty get-together. Lord White. chairman of Hanson brdustries, will be there, although the meeting clashes with a scheduled court hearing in Aspen. Colorado, to discuss allegations of assault at Christmas by Victoria Tucker, his 29-year-old girlfriend. The allegations have since been withdrawn, Lawyers are expected to attend the court hearing at Aspen. White is the strategic

genius of the Hanson duo, a takeover master who relishes his four fins in Fortune magazine's predator rating. He is proof that, contrary to popular opinion, it is possible for Britons to make a fortune in

left in 1973, arriving at the Pierre Hotel in New York York. Using only his E3,000 foreign exchange entitlement, he began building Hanson's American business, now worth about 13 billion. Born in Hull on May

11. 1923, White grew up with a headful of war sto-



Lord White elegant

Rudyard Kipling, Leaving school at 16, he signed up for the second world war, spending four years in the Special Op-erations Executive.

Nail, elegant and dripping with charm, White has courted danger ever since, revelling in the tense world of hostile takeovers. "I always live with the fear of making a mistake," he is on record as saying. That mistake appears to have been the decision to buy 2.8 per cent in ICI last year, prompting revelations about loss-making in-vestments in lorsefiesh.

Since then, City insti-tutions have turned charlish, and while they brush aside his escapades, they are increasingly concerned about his ability to keep on performing financially. Tomorrow, someone may even be brave enough to ask how much he is paid - a figure correctly un-

JUDI BEVAN CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.8045 (+0.0188) German mark . 2.8574 (+0.0165) Exchange index 90.8 (+0.4) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

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Volvo merger with Procordia to create £11bn Euro-giant

FROM DAVID BARTAL IN STOCKHOLM

VOLVO, the car, truck and bus manufacturer, has announced plans to merge with Procordia, the Swedish food and pharmaceutical company, in a deal worth Skr38.7 billion (£3.7 billion), creating a European conglomerate with combined sales of SKr115.7 billion (£11 billion).

The surprising merger proposal came days before the Swedish government was expected to place its 39.5 per cent capital stake in Procordia on the market, as the first step in an historic privatisation of 35

Gyllenhammar, the chairman of Volvo, said: "What made the boards of Procordia and Volvo move was the decision of the parliament confirming the government's intention to sell. That opened up

Ironically, completion of the deal would make the Swedish state a 25.6 per cent part-owner in Volvo, the largest industrial group in Scandinavia.

According to the terms of the offer, made public on Saturday. Procordia will exshares. The total value of the deal in Swedish state-owned companies. Pehr G . current market prices makes the Procordia

deal with Volvo Sweden's largest corporate takeover. After the merger, the entire company, with a workforce of 105,000, is to be called Volvo.

The Swedish state, which through Fortia, its holding company, controls 42.7 per cent of the Procordia vote, is highly sceptical about the merger. On Thursday, the government's privatisation commis-sion rejected a similar proposal, in which Procordia offered ten new shares for four

In rejecting the first bid, Curt Nicolin, sion chairman, wrote that the

benefits were "not convincing".

Despite the government's disapproval it might be powerless to stop the deal. A simple majority at the Procordia share-holders' meeting on May 12 is needed to approve the merger.

What Volvo receives from its marriage to Procordia is a dependable profit machine that is not subject to the cyclical swing of the motor industry. For Procordia, which earned net profits of Skr4.1 billion last year, the alliance means the adoption of one of Scandanavia's most respected trade names as well as added financial clout and

sidiaries include Cabi-Pharmacia, the biotechnological company, United Brands. the tobacco firm, and the Pripps brewery. The company had sales last year of Skr39.4 billion compared with Volvo sales of Skr76.3 billion. Soren Gyll, the Procordia president, said his company has little room to grow on its Scandanavian home market and wants to expand abroad

Mr Gyll has been suggested as chief executive and president of the new Volvo group. Mr Gyllenhammar is to continue as chairman in the new and enlarged

House prices to fall 2% this year

Rescue deals 'will not stem repossessions'

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

PROPERTY repossessions are not expected to fall this year despite the launch of mortgage rescue packages devised by lenders at the behest of the government.

A report from UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, suggests the number of homes to be repossessed during 1992 will reach 80,000. Next month, the Council of Mortgage Lenders is expected to confirm that last year's total was also around 80,000.

thor of the report, "Housing

up to £1 billion in their results

next month because of a

stump in the value of their

The property writedowns

will hit the banks capital

bases and may force them to

issue subordinated loan notes

to bolster their lending ratios.

The writedowns are in addi-

tion to record bad debt provi-

sions of an estimated £5.5

billion, which will almost.

wipe out profits at most of the

banks and send Midland to a

The banks have property portfolios valued at £6.8 bil-

lion. These mainly consist of

their branch networks and

head offices. The portfolios

were valued between 1988

and 1990, when property val-

Last year, the banks' annu-

al reports showed the value of

the properties had fallen an

estimated £600 million. Since

then, the value of office and

retail property has continued

New research from Mich-

ael Lever, a banking analyst at Smith New Court, suggests

that National Westminster,

which has the largest proper

ty portfelio worth £2.55 bil-

lion, is planning a £350

million writedown. This will

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property portfolios.

Market: Economic Time Bomb?", says the government measures will only have "a marginal beneficial effect". The mortgage rescue schemes will keep 15,000 homeowners in their properties while the change in social security rules will save an

additional 10,000. However, had lenders not increased their debt counselling, the number of repossessions could have increased to 125,000 this year. Mr Wriglesworth says. This aswas also around 80,000. sumption is based on the 270,000 people in serious ar-

rears at the end of 1991.

Chris Wheeler, an analyst

from Lehman Brothers Inter-

national, is forecasting that

Barclays will have to take a

£300 million hit on its £1.9

billion portfolio. This would

reduce its capital ratio to 8.3

per cent, marginally above

the minimum 8 per cent stan-

dard kept by the Bank for

International Settlements

Analysts stress, however,

that the writedowns will not

affect the banks' core capital

because they will reduce only

banks' attempts to reduce

costs. Most institutions are

closing branches but are find-

ing the sites difficult to sell.

tracts of empty office space in the City. Lloyds owns 400,000 so it of empty offices in the area, costing an esti-

mated £12 million a year.

while NatWest has been un-

able to let Drapers Gardens,

a City tower block, for almost

The clearers also own large

and the Bank of England.

Banks poised for

£1 bn writedowns

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE big four clearing banks cut its risk/asset ratio 0.2 per

face writedowns estimated at cent to 9.3 per cent.

Almost half would previously have been expected to lose their homes.

The report also predicts that house prices will not rise significantly until 1994 and will fail on average by a fur-ther 2 per cent this year. Mr Wrigiesworth, building soci-eties analyst, blames this on a "tidal wave of excess supply of empty homes".

At the start of last year there were about 105,000 unsold empty homes. The figure is now at least 220,000. The report says: "This strongly implies that price falls last year were not sufficient to clear the market. Compounding the problem this year are more builders' completions, mortgage repossessions and empty homes being the result of inheritance.

"Over half a million homes will be on the market during the course of 1992. This will soak up any increase in demand due to lower interest rates, and prevent house price rises."

The report says the number of house sales is likely to increase by 12 per cent during the year. This would not be enough to remove the backlog of empty houses. Next year prices should be stable. If mortgage tax relief was doubled for first-time buyers,

turnover would increase by 20 per cent this year. House prices would quickly stabilise and could rise by 2 per cent over the year and by 8 per cent next year. Mr Wriglesworth says a

crisis of confidence is re-straining demand. "Price the revaluation reserves the lenders built up during the property boom. Mr Wheeler falls in the second half of said: "The impact will be 1991 were worse than the first half. As a result, potential irritating but not disastrous. The banks can absorb the purchasers will continue to delay entering the market in The slump in property prices is also hampering the

In addition, more cautious lending policies mean that borrowers have to put up at least 5 per cent of the property price and they are nervous that this could be wiped out within one year of purchase.

Unemployment will contin ue to rise at a rate of 38,000 a month, the report says, generating a fear of unemployment beyond those who are actually going to lose their jobs.

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Rifkind to review Tees sale

By MARTIN BARROW

sion, operates the relatively

terminal on the Isle of Grain.

The Tees & Hartiepool Port

Authority is believed to have

been concerned that MTS's

development plans for the

port would have been restrict-

ed by Thamesport's start-up

costs. MTS has promised

that 20 per cent of the equity

RIVAL bidders for the port of Tees & Hartlepool expect Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to announce the outcome of a review of the decision to sell the port to Teesside Holdings for £180 million this week.

The review was ordered by Mr Rifkind earlier this month, after a storm of protest greeted the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority's decision to sell the port to Teesside, a consortium of Powell Duffryn, 3i and local business interests.

Teesside was chosen despite a higher £202 million bid from Maritime Transport Services and in preference to a £150 million offer from the incumbent port management that offered existing port employees 100 per cent of the equity. Price and employee participation were two of the three criteria set for the port sale, the third being the im-

pact on the local economy. Further criticism of Teesside's bid has centred on the involvement of Humberside Holdings, a group of companies run by the Holloway family. Douglas Holloway and his son Barry resigned as directors of Humberside after it was revealed that they were convicted in 1981 of bribing British Steel Corporation officials. John Holloway, Barry's brother, remains as chief executive of Teesside.

would be held by manage-MTS, which has campaigned ment and employees. forcefully against the deci-The management buyout new Thamesport container

bid is led by John Hackney. the port's chief executive, who has said he will seek a judicial review if the transport secretary's decision goes against

Mr Rifkind is considered unlikely to start the bidding process again, however, because of the proximity of the general election.

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LAURA Ashley has ap-pointed its first woman director since the death of who takes up the newly created position of global human resources director on February 3, is the lates: recruit to the board.

Ms Lincoln joins from Grand Metropolitan, where she was group management development director.

Jim Maxmin, Laura Ashley's American chief executive, said the appointment reflected the importance he attaches to the elopment of people in building a first-class business".

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Wishing on a star for Disney details

DESPITE the entente cordiale - and even with American corporate "have a nice day" training - Euro Disneyland appears to be suffering the fate of all Anglo-French projects as it heads remorselessly towards

its April 12 opening.

A week in which television advertisements had children all over Britain wishing upon a star for a trip to the new theme park near Paris con-trasted with complaints about lack of information about the company from the London financial community. Finally, Robert Fitzpatrick, president and director general of Euro Disneyland. forgot his corporate glad-handing and accused his contractors of blackmail.

He accused 16 builders on the £2.2 billion theme park asking for Fr850 million in cost overruns of blackmail. He appeared to be trying to allay fears among investors that the park is becoming

bogged down in the kind of contractual wrangling that has dogged Eurotumel. Euro Disney shares, well above £15 earlier this year,

have fallen to Friday's close of £14.58 on fears that the park might not open on time because of the contractors' actions. Mr Fitzpatrick said: "When you start saying, We'll occupy the president's office, block the roads, we'll demonstrate', I don't think that's professional I call that blackmail. We are ready to pay anything that can be jus-tified, but not one penny in blackmail." The 16 contractors recently stepped up the pressure, asking the office of

Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, to intervene. Euro Disney has reacted defensively to suggestions that part of the share price. fall stems from the compamy's failure to keep the markets, particularly London, informed on progress, including the contractual dis-



pute. The company has a small public relations office in London but does not carploy a full-time merchant bank. SG Warburg, the bank that oversaw the high-profile flotation in 1989, works only on an ad hoc basis, for example during the Pr3.97 billion convertible bond issue last summer. This is despite the fact that a quarter of the £607 million issue went to Britain and there are still 55,000 British shureholders.

attracted by the heavy pub-licity surrounding the The annual skareholders' meeting is in Paris on February 13, and financial statements, such as preliminary

> accounting conventions that baffle most British analysts, let alone the private investor. Nicholas de Shonen, corporate communications manager in Paris, said: "The London Stock Exchange is as important to us as the Paris Stock Exchange. We're do-ing our best. We're seeing financial analysts from everywhere, even from London. I'm afraid that again the British are claiming that they are now the centre of the

are prepared under French

One London analyst said: When you look at the budget for general publicity, razzmatazz and PR, you would think they could put even a tenth of that towards the financial community."

O&Y chief goes public on Morgan Stanley row

By MATTHEW BOND

A PUBLIC row has blown up between Olympia & York, the private company behind the E3 billion development of Canary Wharf in London's docklands, and Morgan Stanley International, the fi-nance group, after a £240 million financing package co-ordinated by the American Investment Bank collapsed.

O&Y was to have used the finance to buy Morgan Stanley's new headquarters build-

Secretarial pay beats inflation

London beat inflation last year, but only just. Their rate of growth fell from 16.6 per cent in 1988 to 5.3 per cent last year, according to an annual survey by the Gordon

Yates Group Last year, the average secretarial salary in the capital went up 5.3 per cent against inflation of 4.1 per cent, but saw their pay fall behind inflation for the first time in

more than a decade. In-house" salaries in 1991 also rose by more than "openmarket" pay rates - those offered by companies when recruiting - for the first time. In 1990, the differential had almost disappeared, but last year "open-market" rates were as much as 4 per cent below "in-house" rates.

Hayter plan

Hayter Brockbank, one of the largest Lloyd's underwriting agencies, has announced plans to set up a subsidiary offering insurance policies direct to the public. The operation would be the most ambitious of its kind attempted by a Lloyd's agency. Agen-cies have tended to rely on brokers to bring business into the market, and until December, direct-response subsidallowed to make profits but had to distribute any surplus

Plaxton orders

Plaxton, the troubled coachbuilder, has won orders for buses and coaches worth E18 million. Michael Doherty, the chairman, revealed recently that the company was £40 million in debt after losing £4.51 million in

Capital drop

The number of organisations offering venture capital to businesses has fallen by a tenth over the past year. according to a survey by Levy Gee, the chartered accountant.

ing at Canary Wharf, built by

Morgan Stanley itself. The building, one of two a the site that were not built by O&Y, was the subject of a put O&Y to buy it from Morgan Stanley by last December.

O&Y says Morgan Stanley will have to wait while new finance is put in place and that it will get its money by June. Morgan Stanley has responded by suing O&Y for

The latest details of the row between the companies emerged in an interview given to International Business Week by O&Y executives. Michael Dennis, the O&Y director in charge of the Ca-nary Wharf project, told the magazine that the finance package collapsed when a Japanese institution cut its commitment from \$180 million to \$72 million.

According to the report, O&Y hired Morgan Stanley early last year to raise finance for what is essentially a sale and leaseback deal. Morgan Stanley says completion was "unconditional" and that it had been agreed that O&Y was not relying on the finance

package to complete.
Unless the parties can resolve the dispute, it will go to the High Court. In the same Interview, Paul Reichmann, one of the three brothers who founded O&Y, admits the current worldwide recession is the worst he has ever seen. He expects property markets to remain depressed "for two

nary Wharf is now O&Y's top priority: it received a boost on Friday when two new tenants agreed to take 140,000 sq ft of office space. Mr Reichmann admits that refinancing the \$3.1 billion so far spent on the project is difficult, but he is confident that a \$540 million refinancing of the central skyscraper will be completed by April.

Dividend shock puts Tiny's Lonrho at bay



Lone hunter: solitary role at Lonrho for the predatory Tiny Rowland

onrho, the trading con-glomerate that stur-ned the investment world on Thursday by cutting its dividend after a 24 per cent fall in 1991 pre-tax profits, is poised to be dropped from the FT-SE 100 index.

The steering committee's next quarterly meeting is on March 18, when representatives of the investment community calculate the market's top 100 shares, by capitalisation, for inclusion in the index.

When the committee last met on December 18. Bowater was first on its reserve list for inclusion, having been just pipped for the hun-dredth place. At that date Lourio was ninetieth, with a market capitalisation of On Friday, as analysts remained in investment shock, Lonrho's shares fell from

163p to 115p, before closing at 120p. Almost ©300 million was wiped off Lonnho's market value, leaving it capital-ised at £769.4 million. Before the profits news, Lonrho was capitalised at £1.01 billion. The shares go

ex the reduced 5p a share final dividend today. ondon Stock Exchange said he could not comment on out that the exchange looked at all unusual price move-

ments which take place be-

Lonrho faces being dropped from the FT-SE 100 index after its shares fell to 120p, writes Colin Campbell

fore price sensitive information is released through the

official channels. To be dropped from the FT-SE 100 is a loss of corporate status and invariably leads to reduced investment interest from the City.

Analysis say they are still "stunned" by Lourho's announcement. The obvious assumption was that Lourho's 1991 final dividend was safe. In the event, Tiny Rowland, the chief executive announced at 4.30pm that the final dividend was being ent from 8p to 5p. and that the traditional 3p a share first interim dividend, paid at the same time, was "being withheld".

nalysts are, however, saving their detailed mendations until publica-tion of the 1991 annual

report next month.
Income funds in particular will be hurt by Lourho's cut dividend. Whether fund managers collectively try to urge Lonrho to adopt a more open-style of management, in pref-

Rowland, remains to be seen. Mr.Rowland owns 92.09 milfion shares, equivalent to more than 14 per cent of Lourho's capital, and is not known to be easily persuaded to bow to City observations.

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Londo has had more than ust an ordinary bumpy ride in the past year. The shares have come down from a 12month high of 277p in April. In circumstances unrelated to Lonrho, Sir Edward du Cann resigned as chairman. After Sir Edward's resignation, Mr Rowland became executive chairman (having only recently been made deputy chairman), in addition to post as chief executive

and managing director.
Mr Rowland later stepped down as chairman in place of Rene Leclezio, a director of and known as "Mr Sugar" in

the Indian Ocean, but hardly known in the City. In January, main board di-rector Terry Robinson left to in Vestey group.

Lourho's annual meeting will be held at the Barbican Hall, London, on March 26. The usual private sharehold ers will probably be as adoring of Mr Rowland as in the past Institutional shareholders may not even clap if, by then, Lonrho has not given them sufficient genuine encourage

ment to stay on its share regis-

Macy's on

verge of

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Trade gap likely to beat forecast

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIAL figures published this morning are expected to show that Britain's current account deficit for last year was about £6 billion, slightly less than the £6.5 billion shortfall Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, forecast in his

While the government is likely to focus on the better than expected out-turn, City analysis remain concerned about the persistence of a sizeable current account deficit despite severe recession. Market forecasts for December centre on a £500 million deficit on the current account, down from £587 million in November. The December shortfall in visible trade is predicted at £800 million, while the estimated surplus on trade in invisible items, such as banking, insurance and travel, remains £300 million

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, points out that the trade deficit on food remains the biggest singie sectoral deficit, running at about £5 billion. He says, if food is excluded from the calculation, the shortfall is only £1 billion. He says this adds weight to the argument that the pound is not overvalchange-rate mechanism.

Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, has downgraded his growth forecast for 1992 from 1.25

Fund managers still view South Africa with caution

monwealth Conference in ONLY one in 20 British fund Harare, Zimbabwe, in right to invest in South Africa, a survey has found. How-ever, a third of corporate At least one large Scottish institution has decided there financiers feel there is a case is a case to invest in South for investment, and political Africa, but is unlikely to act and economic progress in the months ahead will lead to a before the summer. softening in attitudes.
Uncertainty about the re-

There is a feeling that South African companies, after years of enforced isola-tion, have forgotten how to public's future remains the main deterrent to would-be investors together with lack of confidence and ignorance of the changes taking place. The survey by Financial Dynam-ics, a City PR consultant, found many fund managers

communicate with investors ☐ Next month is likely to see a renewed wave of interest in the republic's investment potential. Smith New Court, the broker, is taking a group of fund managers to Johannesburg, and a delegation from British Invisibles, the former British Invisible Export

Council, is paying a separate visit. Frankel Max Pollak Vinderine, a Johannesburg broker, is hosting an invest-ment conference from February 16 to 21, while Robert Fleming officially opens its representative office on February 13.

☐ Gencor, the South African mining group, launches the country's biggest ever rights offer today by offering share holders a 14.5 per cent discount on the share price it. Friday's close. Gencor, which hopes to raise 2 billion rand (£400 million) from the sale of 200 million shares, is offering 17 new shares at R10 each for every 100 held, R1.7 down on Friday's close of

FROM PHILLP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK
RH MACY, the world's largamong New York's biggest to file for bankruptcy protecrozen further credit and a \$1 billion rescue bid collapsed

Some expect the petition to be lodged today. Macy's falled to pay 20,060 suppliers an estimated \$150 million on Saturday. A filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection would give the \$3.6 billion debt-ladened retailer breathing space to pay electricity bills, travel costs and the 78,000 staff at its 149 department stores in 18 states

A bid to rescue Macy's by aurence Tisch, chairman of ests include shipping, insurance and tobacco, [ell apart late on Friday after the Prudential Insurance Company of America refused to cut the interest on \$811 million of mortgages for half Macy's stores from 12 to 9 per cent. Interests, connected to Mr

Tisch already own 15 per cent Macy's finances its business through a \$580 million credit line provided by 40 banks. It is estimated that it owes Bankers Trust and Manufacturers Hanover about \$700 million and Swiss Bank Corporation \$560 million. Macy's lost \$155.4 million in the three months to last November, and Christmas sales were disappointing.

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SAS extends Baltic network ahead of competition

are still restrained by anti-

despite the easing of sanc-tions announced at the Com-

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

SCANDINAVIAN Airlines Systems has completed the first phase of its strategic expansion into the former Soviet Union, with the inauguration of a Copenhagen-Vilnius route, adding Lithuania to its services to Latvia and Estonia.

Completion of the Baltic phase means the Scandinavians have extended their network into the Baltic region shead of Lufthansa, the German national carrier currently pre-occupied elsewhere. Air Russia, the British Air-

ways-backed challenge to Aeroflot, the former Soviet

make its presence felt in the Copenhagen, near the airport,

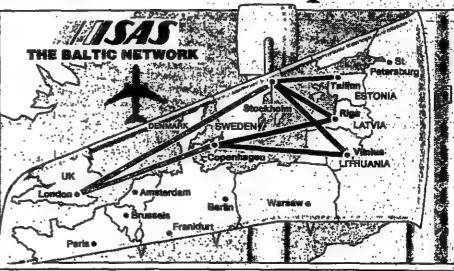
At an inaugural ceremony in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, last week, Jan Carizon, the SAS president, said the Lithuanian link meant SAS had completed its Baltic strategy, which started with direct flights between Stockholm and Tailin, the Estonian capital, in November 1989. He said this tended to make Copenhagen the "natural hub" for the area.

Kai Ikst, the Danish transport minister, whose government is planning a bridge under chapter 11 bankruptcy Union airline, has also yet to linking southern Sweden with

by the end of the century, said Copenhagen airport was al-The next phase of European

expansion will see SAS, Europe's fourth largest carrier, open routes later this year from Copenhagen to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, Gdansk the Polish port, and Leipzig in eastern Germany. SAS has a 24.9 per cen

stake in British Midland and 16.8 per cent of Continental, the American airline currently





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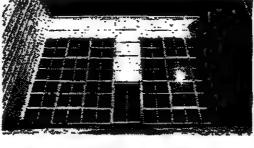


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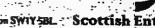


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Large challenge for the SIB

r David Walker's impending departure this summer after five years as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board sets the stage for an intriguing final battle with Sir Gordon Borrie, who will then bow out as head of the Office of Fair Trading after a 16-year stint. Sir David's first great achievement in his term of office was to do away with the initial over-detailed rule books of City regulation under the 1986 Financial Services Act and replace them with systems based on first principles of trading and fairness. This has, in particular, led to a dramatic simplification of regulations for dealings between market and investment professionals.

The retiring chairman's second heroic effort has been to improve regulation of "retail" trading with the public, which was, after all, the original purpose of the Financial Services Act that set up the SIB. That has proved much more of a struggle between complex traditional practice and the interest of consumers. The sticking point for Sir Gordon, who has to vet SIB rules before ministerial approval, has been Sir David's failure to satisfy both the legitimate interests of the life assurance industry and consumers' ability to know how much they are paying in commission and other costs for the privilege of having their money invested.

Disclosure of true costs is vital to consumer protection but Sir David has found it impossible to find a method that does not tilt the playing field between different segments of the industry. The compromise has chiefly compromised the interests of investors. The issue is due to be settled before the two doughty knights leave office and neither will be keen to bow out on a defeat.

greement on the results of the retail review would be a great relief to Andrew Large, Sir David's appointed successor, who will have to switch quickly from sorting out the regulatory problems of London FOX, which he joined mainly at the behest of Sir David in October. He may, however, learn a lesson from the affair. His forerunner's other most notable contribution was to install a prejudice within the SIB against banning financial innovation. By arbitrating between interests and setting parameters of good and bad practice, regulation moved with, rather than against, the tide.

That excellent prejudice has instilled confidence that regulation to protect the reputation of London as a financial centre will not threaten its dynamics. There are, however, limits to the powers of arbitration. Highly speculative unit trusts should have been banned rather than categorised. Attempts to accommodate fast-moving market forces in soft commission broking became so entangled that the SIB has even considered reversing the basic 1986 Stock Exchange reform that allowed firms to act both as broker and jobber.

The issue of bureaucracy versus market freedom and innovation is only too familiar to Mr Large, who was absent from the public eye in London in the late Eighties after leaving the chair of the Securities Association to join the main board of Swiss Bank Corporation. It may dominate his tenure in a different dimension from that dealt with by Sir David. A series of draft EC directives on financial services are stalled because of conflicts between open markets, the desire to protect national markets and bureaucratic practices in Germany that have led to dominance by vast universal banks and limited the products and investment returns available to investors. The present regime at the trade department is fighting a good light but Mr Large may well find he has to take the lead in protecting British investors from a German investment culture taking root in Brussels.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Pressing the right buttons to revive Britain's economy

Britain's investment Lags Behind

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Anatole Kaletsky believes that, even in the ERM, the Chancellor could pull off an election winning Budget

ast week, I discussed what might be called , the internationallyapproved strategy for pulling Britain out of receselection for the Conservative government. Norman Lamont would simply have to cut interest rates to around 7 per cent, where they now are in every major country outside Europe, and then let sterling find its own level in the foreign exchanges. Over the weekend, the G7 gave its official endorsement to such a strategy, stressing that each country's policy should be determined by the state of its domestic economy, not the behaviour of currency markets. But for John Major, who has invested all his political capital in the ERM snakeoil. bankruptcies and unemployment are a price well worth paying to avoid admitting his mistake. So this week I shall assume the ERM commitment cannot be broken, at least until after the election. Does this imply that the Chancellor is paralysed?

Far from it. ERM member-

ship makes a tax-cutting Budget more necessary, and easier to devise. For ERM membership relaxes the market disciplines on fiscal and industrial policies, even as it paralyses monetary decision making. By creating a Europe-wide pool of savings with some assurance against devaluation risks, the ERM makes it easier for members away from national money markets, the ERM removes the main incentive for goverrements to reduce borrowsaving. If Britain cut its borrowings it would not be re-warded with low short-term determined by the straint would simply leave more funds available for Gerborrow from the ERM pool.

funds. In other words, do as stantially watered down. Instead of wasting £2.2 billion on cutting income tax, Mr Lamont should use the mon-However, crude fiscal stimulus should not be the main

1980-89 average

MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT

per employee 1980-90 average

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the Germans do.

objective of Norman Lam-

ont's Budget. A general tax cut in March would not have

much impact until 1993. By

then the economy should al-

ready be growing and the

additional fiscal stimulus

might be counterproductive.

Instead it should be targeted

at depressed sectors, where it will produce immediate re-

sults without causing infla-

Here, then, is a four-point

proposal that could save the

economy and the govern-

ment, without threatening

☐ The first point is a negative

one. The last thing the Chan-

cellor should do is cut stan-

dard rate tax. The lagged

effect of tax cuts has already

been mentioned, but the pol-

stronger. Since Neil Kinnock

has already said he would

reverse a standard-rate tax

cut, Mr Lamont would effect-

ively be making Labour a gift of £2.2 billion in extra reve-nue a year. If Mr Kinnock

had any sense, he could turn this Trojan horse against the Tories, by allocating the mon-ey "saved" by reversing the tax cut to pay for higher pensions. This would allow Labour's electorally suicidal

plan to abolish the National Insurance ceiling to be sub-

the pound.

☐ His clearest priority should be to stimulate industrial investment, by temporarily reinstating the 100 per cent capital allowances abolished in 1984 by Nigel Lawson. In the long run, this reform did no harm to Britain's rate of investment, which rose to an all-time high in the 1988-9 boom. But the most striking effect of the reform was to produce a spike in investment spending after the four years of "bumping along the bottom" prior to the 1984 Budget. Mr Lawson, gave firms one year to enjoy their full capital allowances. As a result, companies brought forward their investment plans. By the time the capital allowances were scaled back.

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ey in a more effective way.

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Lamont gave companies until October to buy capital equipment and enjoy 100 per cent allowances, an immediate investment upsurge like that of 1984 would be virtually guaranteed. Because of the way corporation tax is levied, the new investment allowance would cost nothing in 1992-

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT (per cent of GDP)

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3. Even the long-term cost would be negligible because of the extra economic growth generated. And, by definition, the cost of a temporary concession would be non-re-

☐ The car industry is the next candidate for help. The Chancellor ought to ignore bleating about company car allowances, but he should abolish the special sales tax of 10 per cent on new cars. This discriminatory levy is a hangover from the days of special "luxury" taxes. Abolition NOLIQ COST ADOUT L1.2 DILLION. But Mr Lamont should go

tinued to do well. If Mr further and simultaneously reinforce his green credentials. He could haive the road fund licence for modern cars running on lead-free petrol and pay for this by raising the duty on leaded petrol. This would create a further incentive to trade in polluting ja-

> in Finally. Mr Lamont should turn his attention to housing. If ERM member-ship rules out large cuts in interest rates, fiscal measures should be used to stimulate housing. Before establishment economists collapse in apoplexy, they should recall that Britain has consistently spent less on housing than any other advanced country.

lopies for modern cars.

f Britain must be like Germany to succeed in the ERM, then it should devote more resources to housing, not fewer (see chart). encourage both owner occu-

pation and rental housing, but without raising the total cost of subsidies. There are two ways to do this.

First, mortgage tax relief should be increased for firsttime buyers, using the remaining El billion of fiscal stimulus available to the Chancellor after the abolition of new car tax. But this money should be used to ease in a new system of mortgage relief. There should be a lifetime cash limit for the housing tax deductions enjoyed by any one taxpayer, instead of the present annual limit of the interest on £30,000. For one year, first-time buyers could opt for more tax relief than the present maximum, but this would come out of their lifetime limit. From 1993 onwards, the Treasury would recoun the costs of the new relief by cutting subsidies to existing homeowners.

Such a system may sound complicated, but again we can look to Europe. Despite the belief that Britain is unique in subsidising homeowners, Germany has a system of tax deductions up to a lifetime maximum of DM 300,000. France also offers tax relief for ten years. Second, the Chancellor

could revive private rented housing with the stroke of a pen, by allowing residential landlords to offset losses in the rental market against other investment income. Because residential letting is nearly always a negative cashflow business that depends for its rewards on the hope of eventual capital gains, a measure like this would make rental property a natural part of any personal investment portfolio, as it is in other countries. If Mr Lamont were more radical in his desire to create a nation of propertyowning entrepreneurs, he could allow rental losses to be offset against Schedule E employment income. If that seems far-fetched, watch President Bush's state of the union speech tomorrow. Tax deductibility for rental losses is tipped as a key part of his plan to revive the American property market, end the re-

to run large budget and trade deficits and to spend money on subsidies or tax cuts as they see fit. Conversely, by taking interest rate policy es and encourage national interest rates, since these are Bundesbank. Britain's self-remany, Italy and Spain to

In these circumstances, the golden rule for any rational ERM government is to borrow as much as possible, while trying to persuade others to limit their demand for



Victim of the voice-hunters

AT LAST... the possibility of someone leaving the City and not taking a pay cur. Richard Howell, aged 46, the doyenne of the plantations and rubber of the plantations and rubber of the plantations. market and, as such, a follower of stocks such as Lonrho, is being coursed by, of all things; a major American television network, which wants him to become one of the main presenters on its coast-to-coast breakfast pro-gramme. Howell, 6ft 3ins rall: and known as much for his "Lord Haw Haw" voice as his chalk-striped suits with colourful linings, is currently employed by Sheppards. where he has been for the past 21 years. He was "sported" by the network after co-hosting a golden oldies radio pro-gramme on Cheltenhambased Quality Europe FM, which transmits via Sky's Astra satellite. "All Sky subscribers can tune into it and they apparently loved my voice, explains an excited Howell. He is now seriously contemplating a move to New York and is philosphical about the prospect of leaving the Square Mile "I would describe myself as a faded equity salesman," he says.
"As far as plantations and overseas traders are concerned, there is no market. Fund managers don't want to talk to me anymore. It would be nice if they liked the sound

NOTE left on the door of a house in Somerton, Somerset: "Gone job-hanting. Back

Americans seem 10."



our new in-house job-loss policies'

Intermission

WEALTHY stockbrokers and merchant bankers living in the environs of Kensington will be interested to learn that, after a 25 year struggle, the Rank Organisation has finally won planning permis-sion to redevelop one of its most valuable sites in the UK the Odeon cinema on Kensington High Street, opposite the Commonwealth In-stitute. The cinema will now be knocked down to make way for a £30 million development including offices, flats and houses, but cinema buffs will suffer no more than temporary inconvenience. A new cinema complex will be built underground.

of my voice as much as the Reverend's return

GERARD Bonham-Carter, former director of Charterhouse Bank, returns to London life on Wednesday. as chaplain of the Royal Hospital and Home, Putney.

Bonham-Carter, a second cousin of Helena, the actress, and great nephew of Lady (Violet) Bonham-Carter, retired from the City in 1984 to pursue his religious interests, and was ordained as a priest four years later. He will be welcomed into his new role by the Rt Rev Roy Williamson, newly installed Bishop of Southwark. Bonham-Carter is also a descendant of Florence Nightingale who was involved in the establishment of the hospital in the mid-1850s. Today, it caters for the severely disabled and is the site of Britain's first brain injury unit. City stalwarts may recall that Bonham-Carter played cello for The City Gents: a quartet that played Square Mile churches.

Heading East

PARTICIPANTS in the annual London Stock Exchange versus Lloyd's of London cricket match this summer, on the Honorable Artillery Company's ground, had better wear protective helmets. John East, one of the livelier workers in the Square Mile, has just moved into new offices in City Road. The offices, which have a balcony overlooking the sports ground — and are therefore within "barracking and tomato throwing" distance. East warns - will house John East & Partners, the new name given to what was once Guidehouse Securities, a business East and some of his colleagues have now bought from the receiver. "The cor-porate finance activities were always profitable, its just that its parent. Guidehouse Group, went into receivership in December," says East, who

was managing director of Guidehouse Securities. The new firm, which has membership of the Stock Exchange but which will concentrate on smaller company corporate finance (less than £50 million in capitalisation), comprises three executives and one secretary. The two other directors are David Worlidge, aged 35, a chartered accountant who had been with Guidehouse for three years, and Jeffrey Coburn, a former head of corporate finance at Le Mare Martin and Jacobson Townsley. East, aged 42, once the senior partner of Margetts & Addenbrooke, which eventually became part of National Investment Group, says the Guidehouse insurance broking and pensions businesses have also been bought out by their managements, and renamed Christchurch Insurance Brokers and Christchurch Life &

Do as I say . . .

CHASE Manhattan, the American bank, has been quick to cash in on Robert Maxwell's raid on his company pension funds. Chase Global Securities, its British offshoot. is organising a seminar on February 19 entitled "Custo-dian Trustees: Protecting Your Pension Fund Assets" There is more than a little irony in this, since Chase Manhattan, according to the last MCC share register, held 2.5 million shares in Maxwell Communications Corporation (now worthless) on behalf of various American pension funds in a nominee account when MCC share dealings were halted in November.

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AEPORTING THIS WEEK

Better figures expected on books at WH Smith

SIR Simon Hornby, the chairman of WH Smith Group, should unveil a healthy rise in first-half taxable profits on Wednesday. but much of the advance will be due to reduced interest payments after last year's rights issue. Nick Bubb, at Morgan Stanley, expects profits of £46.5 million (£34.9 million). Market forecasts range from £46 million to £49

Interest costs should be reduced by nearly £13 million to about £4 million. Much of the damage to trading profits will stem from Do it All, which is expected to make profits of about £500,000 (£4.7 million), with lower sales and a squeeze on the company's share of the do-ityourself market. Smith's retail operations have not done badly, but Our Price will feel the effects of a weaker music market.

Christmus was not brilliant for anybody in the high street, although Smith's generally low-ticket items should have helped to insulate the group to a greater extent than most.

Improved orders and reduced overheads should help the power systems group, to interim pre-tax profits of about £400,000, against a loss of £146,000 last time. according to Barclays de

Zoete Wedd. Bullough, the office furniture to engineering group, is expected to report a fall in pre-tax profits to £17.3 million for the year, compared with £26 million last time, according to UBS Phillips &

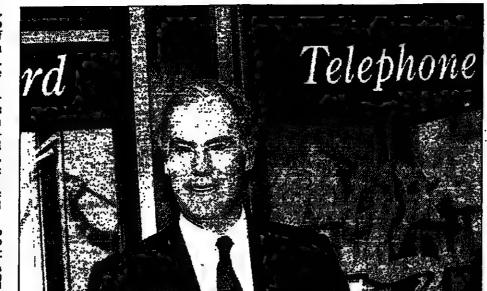
Market forecasts range from £16 million to £18

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trade figures

TOMORROW

Andrew Yeo, a member of the smaller companies team at Hoare Govett, expects Colefax and Fowler, the retailer of upmarket wallpaper and fabrics, to report a slip in interim pre-tax profits to about



Quarterly slip forecast: Iain Vallance, of BT, who reports on Thursday

£500,000 (£815,000), reflecting lower UK sales.

interims: Associated British Consultants, Colefax and Fowler, Electron House, Etonbrook Properties, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, Kleinwort High Income Trust, Murray Smaller Markets Trust, Newmark (Louis), Saville (J) Gorden Group

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Finals: Eurocamp, Partridge Fine Arts, Shoprite Group.

steel consumption and stock changes (fourth quarter); quar-terly house purchase finance statistics (fourth quarter); CBI industrial trends survey

WEDNESDAY

Analysts believe that Allied Textile, the wool textile group, will announce a slip in pre-tax profits to

Interims: Adscene Group, Parepak, Huntingdon Inter-national Holdings, Jupiter Euro-pean Investment Trust, Mhangura

societies' monthly figures

THURSDAY

The market is eagerly awaiting final results from the Rank Organisation, Britain's biggest leisure group, although these are likely to show a fall in profits after a difficult year in many of its markets. Analysts hope the figures will give them a clearer picture of where this widely diversified group stands.

Paul Slattery, of Kleinwort Benson, predicts that pre-tax profits will fall to £250 million (£312 million). Market expectations range between £220 million and £255 million. Earnings per share are expected to drop to 38.8p (70.1p), reflecting the dilution after the Mecca acquisition. An unchanged dividend of 31p is forecast.

Leisure and recreation activities should have done fairv well, but restaurants and hotels, particularly in Lon-don, will have had a tough time. There will also be a jump in interest costs. reflecting the Mecca purchase.

Depressed economic conditions and lower call charges are likely to result in a decline in third-quarter profits at BT, the telecommunications group chaired by lain Vallance. The fall would be the second consecutive downturn, but could be the first true one, excluding property profits, since privatisation.

Patrick Wellington, at County NatWest WoodMac, has pencilled in third-quarter pre-tax profits down 4 per cent to £755 million, giving a 2 per cent rise to £2.37 billion for the nine months. Market forecasts range from £750 million to £780 million for the quarter.

Domino Printing Sciences, the Cambridge ink jet printer specialist, forecast that pre-tax profits would rise at least 44 per cent to £8.8 million at the time of October's £15.3 million rights issue. The board also promised to raise the final dividend 20 per cent to 4.15p. Interim pre-tax profits at

Unitech, the power supplies and electronic components group, are expected to drop, about 20 per cent to £7 million, according to County NatWest. County blames a slowdown in the Japanese economy and weaker trading in Germany. A halved dividend of 2.1p is predicted. Market forecasts range from f6 million to £8 million.

UBS Phillips & Drew expens Warner Estate Holdings, the property group, to report final pre-tax profits of £8.25 million (£8 million), although this is towards the lower end of market forecasts, which

rise to £10 million.

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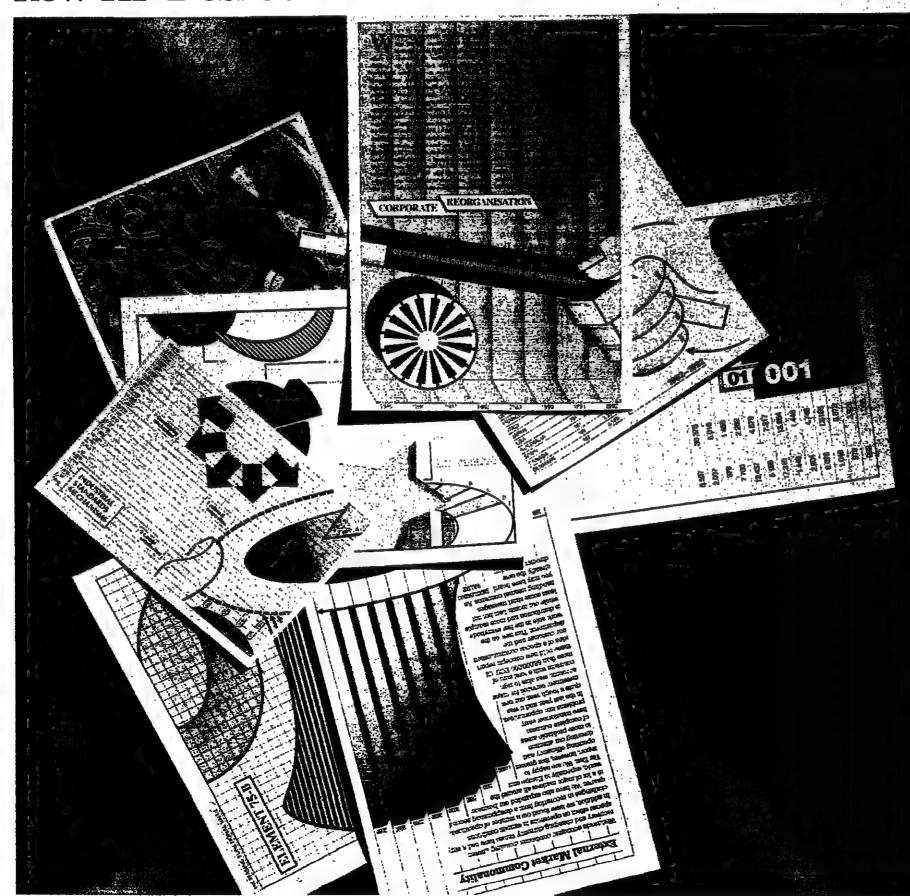
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Bulls should wait for sterling flag

t is very easy to put the bull case for gilts. The market has discounted the prospect of a £20 billion public sector borrowing requirement next year, the overseas investor is eager to hicrease his holdings, the is not the issue. First, the economy is unlikely to recove question is not one of Mr er strongly, and the govern-Small's actual policy, but ment is committed to the rather, in the manner of currency stability necessary for the convergence of yields to European levels. Unfortuto European levels. Unfortu-nately, there are a few hur-Even if he is absolutely comdies to overcome before these factors deliver a further sustainable rally in gilts.

eas yields could be over, at least for now. The American market may soon switch from complacency about weak growth and low inflation to concern about President Bush's electoral prospects, or at least about the an outright majority. In this fiscal price to be paid for sense a hung parliament is improving them. At the the worst of all possibilities same time, the Bund market . for the market. faces many possible disap-pointments about inflation, wage settlements and the

Bundesbank's response. Second, although producer price inflation will collapse, actual underlying inbecause the service sector. growth and the absence of

eign competition.

his lack of faith arises against this? simply because Norbe in a position after the will only prevail when the election to fulfill his promise. risk of a devaluation has In this sense, the gilt-Bund diminished Although a nonyield spread depends on the Conservative government market's view of the Conser- may (sincerely) make all the vatives' election chances. "right noises", and thus fuel Were these chances to im- a strong rally, the spectre of prove, gilts would rally devaluation may not comstrongly. If, on the other pletely disappear. Therefore, hand, they were to decline gilts will continue to demand again, as we think they a substantial yield premium might, then the market is over Bunds. likely to demand an increasing spread over (rising) Bund. yields, simply to reflect the risk that Mr Lamont's suc-

ted to sterling's current

sterling as Mr Lamont? This Keynes's famous beauty con-test, of what other investors mitted to sterling's parity. there could be some gilts selloff- as the more risk-averse about this commitment.

 Second: the new Chancellor's ability to take unpopular decisions (to either support sterling or restrain government spending) may be constrained by the lack of

ore interestingly the market has heard Labour's commitment to currency stability before - and seen it retracted by both the 1946-51 flation will not fall as quickly and 1964-70 governments. Mr Smith may be making all which comprises 60 per cent 'the "right noises", but he is of the economy) will be con- also merely repeating the refronted by slow productivity marks of Sir Stafford Cripps and Jim Callaghan. Indeed, the disciplining effect of for- in one sense, he faces more pressure for a devaluation Neither of these problems than they did. The trade-off would matter if sterling's sta- between the unemployment bility were assured. Indeed, rate and the current account if the market had complete balance has deteriorated faith in the government's steadily. If Labour's supplypromise to retain the side measures fall to reverse DM2.95 central rate, gilt this, they will have to tolerate yields should actually be be- 3 million unemployed as the low German levels, as the price to pay for current acmarket would anticipate count balance. Of course, sterling appreciation. The they may be prepared to pay fact that the market de-this price, or be able to run mands a 160 basis point persistent deficits. If not, spread over Bunds indicates however, a devaluation may however, a devaluation may its lack of faith in this be a tempting way of improv-promise. ing this trade off. Should gilt investors bet so heavily

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Petfood firms buck the recession PETFOODS, in which Mars's Pedigree. Dalgety's Spillers and Quaker Oats account for nearly 90 per cent of the market by volume, is shrugging off the recession with a value growth last year of more than 8 per cent

of more than 8 per cent. The estimate comes from Mintel, the market research organisation, whose last annual report on the sector covered 1990, when petfood sales reached £1,056 million, a 38 per cent increase since 1985. Mintel estimates last reaches white sales to have been experienced to the sales of year's value sales to have been £1,145 million, an 8.4 per cent increase on the previous year, putting volumes at 1,263 million tonnes, a slight

decrease on the previous year.

Jeff Honeywell, chairman of the external relations committee at the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association, said growth in the past year appeared to have slowed as pet owners faced up to economic hard times. However, it looked as if market growth was still positive, probably even in volume terms.

The pet population is gen-erally stable. There are currently about 7.5 million pet dogs, while the number of cats is just less than 7 million, with the likelihood of their outnumbering does within a

Mr Honeywell said: "For

the moment, we expect the industry's growth to contin-ue, albeit at a slower pace. The industry, through effi-ciencies, has been able to keep price increases below the general inflation rate. It produces completely balanced food the nearest human food equivalents are space rations

able and nutritious."
The association's 67 members are lobbying the Chan-cellor for "fairer" treatment for perfoods, which carry value-added tax, unlike most es-sential foods for general

for astronauts. It is also palat-

consumption.
Petfood makers are pleased. with the increasing popularity of premium products as more pet owners become concerned about the diets of pers. Three in ten cat or dog owners in 1990 usually bought high quality pet food, according to Mintel.

Pedigree, the clear market leader, with about 55 per cent, has seen "good growth" with two perfoods, Sheba for cats and Cesar for dogs, which, with a home-cooking image and a special formula-tion, are designed to compete with fresh food. Pedigree has also successfully introduced a "lite" version of its Pal brand for overweight dogs. About 30 per cent of dogs are esti-



Pedigree shows: Pencioe Dutch Gold, the Crufts champion, owned by Morag Bolton, and the other best in show finalists were fed on Chum

Bulgaria resumes talks with banks over foreign debt

By Theodore Troev

BULGARIA will today resume talks with the London Club of Commerical Banks to devise a solution to the country's foreign debt problem and, hopefully, revive international confidence in its economic reforms.

There are more than 180,000 private companies registered in Bulgaria, but, together with Rumania and Albania, it often finds itself discussed as only an afterthought to other countries of post-communist Europe. Mike Hicks, a Bulgaria specialist at Touche Ross, said: This may be a little shortsighted given the opportunities that exist."

Last year was a dismal one for the Bulgarians, however, with inflation reaching almost 600 per cent, domestic consumption dropping some 60 per cent and unemployment rising from 40,000 in August 1990 to more than 350,000 in December 1991, 8 per cent of the workforce.

Living standards fell with the start of the economic reform a year ago. High prices forced Bulgarians to spend most of their incomes on food, housing and hearing.

Food accounted for over 50 per cent of a typical family budget. A minimum monthly wage was fixed at about £25, but the government has approved free wage bargaining. Loss of cheap Russian oil and Soviet markets have bad-

ly hit production and living standards in a country which was largely dependent on trade with the former Soviet Union. Industrial output fell more than 20 per cent. British exports to Bulgaria

were only £45 million last year - mainly beverages, industrial machinery and textile fibres. Imports from Bulgaria - mainly iron and steel, clothing, wine, furniture and footwear — were worth £32 million. According to the Confederation of British Industry, the potential for trade and investment in Bulgaria means these figures could at least treble by 1993.

A Touche Ross study suggests that, in the medium term, the former socialist countries of central Europe will see their wages rising much faster than in the Balkans, and Bulgaria will offer more for those looking to make strategic investments.

Retailers threatened by power companies

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH THE privatised electricity companies have sharpened up their high street images and now pose a greatly en-hanced threat to the established electrical goods retailers, according to a report from the Corporate Intelligence Group, Before privatisation, the electricity companies were considered to be relatively uncompetitive.

The report says that now they have a mandate to be commercial, the electricity companies have become much keener traders and can be expected to give national and regional rivals a much harder fight than in the past.

The Corporate Intelligence Group forecasts further mergers in the wake of the link-up between South Western and South Wales Electricity's retailing and servicing interests. Eastern Electricity and Southern, which own the two largest retail operations, will merge their retailing activities from April.

Shop sales by the electricity companies totalled about £850 million in 1991, according to the report, of which electrical appliances accounted for about 80 per cent. This compares with Dixons' turnover of £1 billion and Comet's

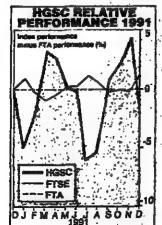
Funds laugh last after tough year

SMAGER COMPANIES: 2853

The Hoare Govett Small Companies Index, a benchmark for investors in shares. outside the stock marker's first division, underper-formed the FTA All-Share Index for the third consecutive year in 1991.

Never before has the HGSC, which was launched in 1989 but is based on records dading back to 1955, had such a poor sequence. But last year's underperformance was a close run thing and had the major stocks not had such a strong run in the final days of 1991. the indices fortunes would

By the end of November, the HGSC outperformed by 4 per cent although by Christmas, increasing pessimism about the economy and the effect on smaller companies had whittled the lead down to I per cent. Then, in the final



four days of the year, Wall Street romped ahead and London marked its dollar earners sharply higher, hoist-ing the FT-A All-Share Index with them.

However, many smaller company funds will have beaten the HGSC, because most smaller company funds are more heavily weighted towards mid-sized stocks than the index, while being less exposed to the smallest quoted companies. Last year was no year to major in these

Not only were trading results poor, liquidity in the The London Stock Exchange is considering proposals that would no longer guarantee what little liquidity remains. so the outlook for a recovery at the bottom of the market is

The HGSC continues to provide à more accurate picture of what is happening with the British economy than most other indices. With a market capitalisation limit of £216 million, it has a high concentration of constituents that depend on the domestic market

The best performing shares, including Airtours, Prospect Industries and Quotient, quadrupled in value. At the other end of the scale, 50 companies, a record, went out of business. For smaller company investors, the risks and rewards remain as great as

ever in 1992. MARTIN BARROW

Firms learn the lesson of Faust

CAPITAL MARKETS

GONE are the days when the test of good finance directors was the ability to enhance earnings through the most "imaginative" use of the latest complex financial instrument available. Gone, in many cases, are the finance directors, as well. Like Faust, numerous com-

panies sold their souls. The temptation was the pleasure of a few years of cheap mon-ey. Now, Mephistophelean merchant bankers are being forced to return to orthodoxy by tough new accounting

In the past two weeks, the dangers of two instruments that once enjoyed a wide corporate following were again thrown into relief. Next was forced to pay £41.7 million to redeem a 1987 convertible bond when investors exercised their put option. A similar instrument brought Saatchi & Saatchi to its knees; Saarchi was forced into a capital reconstruction to pay the put option.

Next has a further £70 million of bonds to redeem in. October, but the timely sale of its Grattan mail order subsidiary last year should enable it to avoid the Saatchi Tare or worse.

Another company still to face up to the convertible put problem is Ratners, which is also struggling with another stock (AMPS). Dividend pay ments on the AMPS are currently rolling up at 250 per cent of the American com-mercial paper rate. Fortunately, American commercial paper rates are around 4.25 per cent. If they were still at the 9 per cent level of two years ago, Ratners would be accumulating interest at \$75 million a year.

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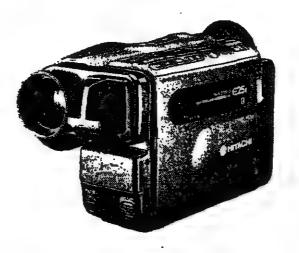
What made many of these instruments attractive to companies was the looseness of the accounting standards regime at the time. It allowed their finance directors to treat as equity, capital with many of the features of debt. This had the dual benefits of Improving balance sheet gearing ratios and enhancing the profit and loss account by allowing financing costs to be taken below the line as dividends.

According to a recent Price Waterhouse paper, the Ac-counting Standards Board's proposals seem certain to result in reduced use of what it describes as "non-equity shares". Even if the regulators had not moved in, market forces would probably have resulted in a similar

Too many of the more spectacular corporate disasters of the past three years had complex capital structures that many investors did not un-

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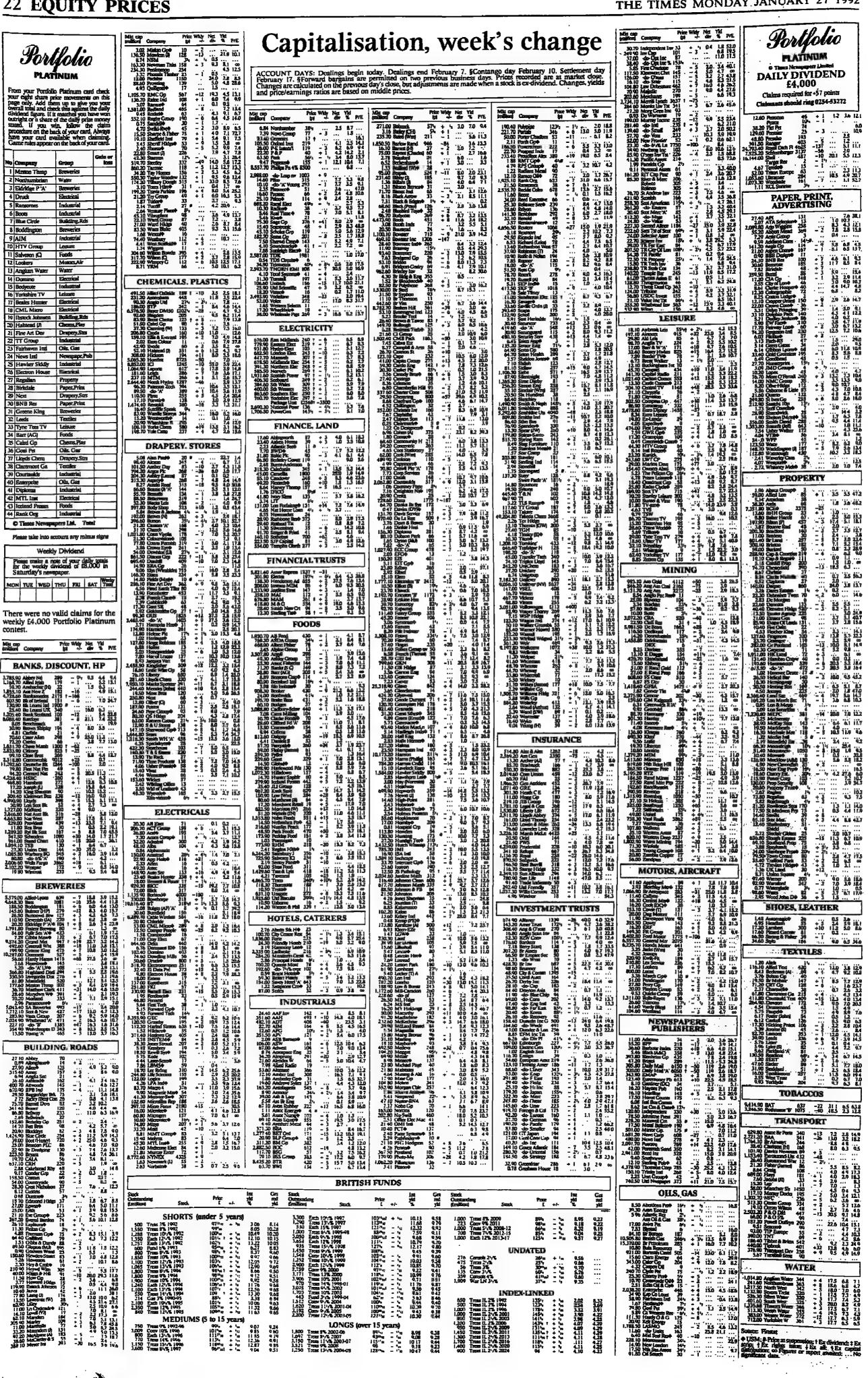
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New Zealand make five changes for Test

England summon Mallender to cover for injuries

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN AUCKLAND

A WET weekend in New Plymouth is not the ideal preparation for a Test match, and England headed grate-fully back to Auckland last night with so little scope for selection manoeuvres that they have once again sum-moned Neil Mallender for emergency stand-by duties.

Mallender, the Somerset seam bowler, fulfilled the same function in Christchurch last week without being likely to play. The chances of him making a belated Test debut at Eden Park on Thursday, however, may be slightly higher because, at this stage, both David Lawrence and Phillip DeFreitas remain doubtful.

Ian Botham would be an emotive choice, but he is short of match fitness, having bowled only 13 overs on his return from four months off, and still yet to take the batting crease. The other option, of playing only four specialist bowlers and packing the side with batting, founders on Mark Ramprakash's lack of form and opportunity, aggravated once more by the weather which washed out yesterday's play against Central

Districts. These are unwelcome complications for England, but nothing more. They lead the series and their problems are trivial compared with those confronted by New Zealand. who last night reacted to several days of public bloodletting by making five changes to their Test XII.

Mark Greatbatch and Chris Pringle were popular scapegoats for the Christ-church debacle and they have duly been dropped. Also out, though, are the wicketkeeper, ian Smith, and the young allrounders, Shane Thomson and Chris Harris, the latter of whom is the unluckiest of them all because he only carried the drinks last week

The chosen XII indicates a shift of policy, away from bitsand-pieces players and back towards specialists. For the stocky Rod Latham, it will be a Test debut, while the stylist, Ken Rutherford, has been swept back into the team on a tide of public opinion which takes little heed of his dismal Test average of 18.16.

Smith is allegedly discounted by a finger injury, although he said in his newspaper column here only yesterday that he was hoping

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

in adelaide

IT WOULD have been on my

father's knee that I first heard

Adelaide was the best pitch in

the world for batting, and

how captains prayed that they might win the toss there,

so as to take first inmines. Yet

in the fourth Test match be-

tween Australia and India, on

the selfsame ground, Austra-

lia have already been bowled

out for 145 and India for

225. When the second day

ended, Australia were 36 for

one in their second innings.

So what has been happen-

ing? How was it that, con-

trary to the accumulated

wisdom of more than 100

years, India could put Austra-lia in to bat and bowl them

out for a song? Or that in two

full days, strokeplay has been

at such a premium? There

are, of course, a variety of

reasons, though the weather

is not one. It would be hard to

imagine two more perfect

cricketing days than Saturday and yesterday.

The match is the first to be

played on a relaid pitch; but

instead of being faster than

those of recent years, the new one is appreciably slower and a lot more niggling. This has suited the Indian style of bowling. It was on such a pitch that they beat West Indies in the World Cup final at

Lord's in 1983. Even

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to be picked. At 34, no longer so agile behind the stumps or so dangerous with the bat as he once was. Smith's place was under increasing pressure from Adam Parore, 12 years his junior.

Parore made his Test debut at Edgbaston in 1990, again when Smith was injured, but now he has the class to establish himself for years to come. He is believed to be the first Maori to play for New Zealand; I wonder whether Murphy Su'a, if he too makes his debut on Thursday, will be the first of Samoan parentage?

Su'a, aged 25, has already played twice against England and made a considerable impression on the touring batsmen in Nelson a fortnight ago. As a left-armer of strength and stamina he will give New Zealand valuable variety, but he could not even get into the Auckland side when the season began and his novice status makes the containing role of the recalled Willie Watson still more important.

The only change England would propose might be to replace Derek Pringle, who remains iroubled by no-balls, with Lawrence. The practicalities of this will be resolved over the next 48 hours as Lawrence increases his output on the practice

He has twice bowled the equivalent of five overs in the nets, building up speed all the time, and that quota was to be repeated today prior to an attempt at ten overs tomor-

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Indian tail stops the rot

Kapil Dev: composed

Tendulkar, operating at the

gentlest of paces, was able to

pick up the wickets of Taylor

and Border in his first two

overs in Australia's first

inept batting. For some

weeks, it seems, Australia

have been batting poorly. On

Saturday, only Jones played at all forcefully — and, like most of the rest of the Austra-

lian side, he got himself out.

The Australians have not

looked complacent so much

- It has to be recorded, too.

that of the first four in the

Australian order. Marsh has

scored only one hundred

(against England at Trent Bridge in 1989) in his last 75

as unmotivated.

There has also been some

innings.

Only then will it be decided if he can be risked, as risk it will be, without any competitive cricket for three weeks.

It is DeFreitas's condition which has prompted the re-call of Mallender, whose recent figures for the Otago province now read 41 wickets in six games. DeFreitas has been resting a groin strain since Christchurch and the team manager, Micky Stewart, yesterday sounded more hopeful than confident that he would be fit for Thursday.

The well-being of the Test batting line-up is plain. Despite a second successive sinele-figure score from Gooch, Saturday also saw a second successive century from his deputy captain, Alec Stewart, and a more violent one, scored from only 69 balls, by Hick.

This was Hick's third century of the tour, but, like the previous two, it was flawed. He was dropped on nought, beaten several times by the swinging new ball and once embarrassed by a bouncer. Bad bowling he will cheerfully annihilate, but the technical hitches remain clear to those who operate at a higher

Ramprakash was unbesten with 19 on Saturday evening, but with the lovely New Plymouth ground a soggy, sorry sight yesterday, there is now a possibility, if he misses out on the World Cup squad, that he has played his last cricket on the tour.

That doubtless cannot be said of Botham, even if his weekend was a curious mbc. Bowling challengingly, if inconsistently, he had taken two wickets on Friday. On Saturday, his bowling was way ward, he dropped a slip catch which he himself called "the easiest I have ever had" and then provided an injury scare by retiring for a hospital x-ray on a finger, burt while fielding to his own bowling.

.There was no break and it enough for him to bat yesterday, had the weather permitted. Now, he may face almost three weeks' wait for his next match, a severe test of the boredom factor which has been his downfall more than once before.

MEW ZEALAND XII: J G Wight, B R Hartend, A H Jones, M D Crowe (captein), R T Lethern, K R Rutherford, D N Patel, C L Calma, A C Perore, M L Bu's, W Western, D K Mannesm.

none in his last 54. When

Marsh was out cheaply for

the second time in the match,

he must have known that he

will be fortunate to play

another Test, for there are

younger, more talented men

With Tendulkar's dismissal

yesterday morning, 16 wick-ets had fallen in the first seven

hours of the match for a mere

215 runs. The Indians can

have been thinking no more

of having to bat on an untried

pitch, at Adelaide of all

places, than the Australians

would have had they been

presented with one at, let us

But that was no excuse for

their playing so frequently across the line at balls which

cut back at them. Standing in

his first Test match. Darrell

Hair took the chance to make

some hairline leg-before deci-

sions. Poor Azharuddin, who

went to one of them, has

managed only 51 runs in six

Sidhu batted resolutely for

two-and-a-quarter hours be-

fore failing to fend off a bouncer; Vengsarkar went to

a nice low catch at second

slip; Tendulkar was leg-be-

fore, pushing forward. But the softer the ball became, the

less it did off the pitch, and

there came at last a partner-

ship, of 65 between Kapil

Kapil Dev's half-century.

the only one of the match so

and even for a single session it

has not done so yet.

innings in the series.

say, Kannur.

vying for his place.



High and mighty: Martin Bayfield, retained for the international against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday, in training with the England squad at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday. Report, page 28

Richians display their class

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

PITCH the club with the largest playing strength in Gloucester against one that accurately describes its beadquarters as resembling a Chilean interrogation cham-ber and logically there can be only one result. Add that Deal Wanderers are not even the most successful team in Deal and the argument strengthens. It held, too.

Like its senior counterpart, the Provincial Insurance Cup was also at the last-16 stage on Saturday. With an assured performance worth far more than the 19-6 scoreline suggests, Old Richians advanced to the quarter-finals. Founded in 1950 for the

old boys of Sir Thomas Rich's school, Richians, now an open club. boasts a four-figure membership, five senior sides and a veterans XV, as well as junior/mini teams spanning every age from eight to 19. That may seem extragavant, but with plush facilities creating a familyfriendly environment and a third of Saturday's side still colts, it certainly pays

dividends. A sixth, Mark Cornwall, a lock, was absent at an England squad session. He was barely missed; Eric Mills. a Scotland B basketball international, saw to that. Supported by an uncompromising pack, Mills dominated Richians' lineouts while despite losing Pat Strutt, a centre, after 23 minutes with a broken ankle, the backs

overwhelmed the opposition. Deal's problems were best illustrated by the penalty count. Of the 11 they conceded in kickable positions, Mark Wheeler landed five. A splendidly worked try by Gary Watts, the replacement, saw them home. In the only other game to

survive, Ongar tripped five stops down the Central Line to Loughton and through their half backs, Barry Perrin (try) and Nick Charlwood (two penalty goals and a dropped goal), built a lead big enough to bold off their hosts' challenge. Final score: 13-6.

Llanelli break free to shed light on a bitter backdrop

Mountain Ash 13 BY GERALD DAVIES

LODGED between two fine and dandy international weekends, the fifth round of the Schweppes Cup forces a player, in a moment of tranquillity, to reconsider his rugby imperatives. The lush pastures of Lansdowne Road one Saturday, the site of an old alty in the Cynon valley

At the top of the terracehoused street, and just below the allotments wreathed in mist. Mountain Ash stands. On a clear day this must be fine. But for the weekend's match it was not exactly looking its best. The whole backdrop was dark, the weather at its mid-winter bleakest; a movie set for Gothic horror. not the sound of music.

The pitch was the colour of coal dust. The grass - what little there was of it - had simply given up the ghost somewhere along the line of the season. Not quite the rugby scene you would get in Horsham, say, but this area boasts the highest unemployment in the country.

Mountain Ash lost by two goals, two tries and two pen-

alty goals to a try and three penalty goals. A deep-set grey was the overriding shade, so that when the MP, Ann Chwyd, whose constituency this is, walked daintily on to the pitch, her hair emerged contrastingly from the gloom. It was the only colour there

emed to be. This was rugby in the raw. If there were no fancy-dan's hospitality suite, the crowd of about 5,000, part of which zig-zagged its way up the hillside, were there for the pure and ineffable love of rugby.

"Let's have commitment from the Old Firm (the home club's cherished sobriquet). Put the lid on the sospans (Llanelli's)." For an hour, the



Stephens: on target

home team did exactly that. There was no unnecessary reverence for the four internationals in the visitors' team although, when Stephens was once unceremoniously upended, he was given a helping hand. Mountain Ash chased and harassed throughout and were only three points behind at half-time. Conway had kicked three penalty goals for them while Stephens had kicked two for the visitors, as well as convening Simon Da-

Not that they gave up thereafter. Simply, Llanelli had more firepower where and when it mattered in the scrum and lineout Emyr Lewis's first try, converted by Stephens, extended the lead, though Gibbon's try, after a dramatic touchline run, kept Mountain Ash within reach. But Moon's try at a scrum and Lewis's second, from an adventurous attacking move. at last lifted the tight lid with

SCORERS: Mountain Asin: Try: Gibben. Perusity goals: Corway (3). Lianelli: Tries: Lawis (2), S Davies, Moon. Conversions: Stephens (2). Pensity goals: Stephens (2). MCUITTAIN ABS: F Cushters R. Johnson, M. Cushlon, C. Comesy, P. Bromwelt, M. Bennett, H. Hughes; G. Rees, R. Parfitt, D. Comesy, S. Pascoe, A Davies, J. Gibbon, A. Roberts, M. Binding, LLANELLI: W. Proctor; I Evans, N. Davies, S. Davies A. Taffetsaufier; C. Stephens, R. Moor; R. Evans, D. Fox, S. Gele, E. Lewis, D. Jones, A. Copeey, L. Jones, J. Williams. Reference: L. Pascol (Califocot).

only ten minutes to go.

RUGBY UNION

A gluepot pitch is a boon to Bristol

Saracens

BY BRYAN STILES

BRISTOL need no reminding about the therapeutic qualities of mud, glorious mud. It brought smiles to worried faces and eased the financial pain of a large debt at the Memorial Ground on Saturday as it enabled the club to stage the day's only Pilkington Cup game.

While all other ties fell victim to frost, the pitch was protected by a cover loaned firee of charge by a nearby firm. Before the kick-off the temperature rose, the rain came and the mud was all

As a mudlark the event had its moments. As a game of rugby it was something of a farce, particularly in the second half, when the mud got deeper, the players less recognisable and the referee ing more erratic.

As they trudged off, Sara-cens clearly had not appreciated the occasion as much as Bristol, whose victory by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to two penalty goals carried them into the quarter-finals and what they hope will be another lucrative encounter to whittle down the debt or their new stand.

Kick-and-chase became the overriding tactic as the greasy ball refused to stick to greasy fingers. In such trying conditions, it would be invidious to criticise anyone, but that did not stop the crowd telling the referee, George Gadjovich, of Canada, what they thought of his curious decisions.

The exchange referee had an unhappy afternoon trying to cope with a strange game. in a foreign land, in appalling conditions. He seemed happy to let the touch judges run the show at times and would probably have been happier if the frost had won the day.

inevitably, few emerged vith reputations enhanced. Hull was an exception. He frequently caught up-andunders cleanly, kicked well and often managed to keep a firm grip on the ball in rare passing moves. Another who raised his head above the mud was Tainton.

He produced the brightest bit of enterprise to create the opening try. He picked up the ball when Bristol were awarded a penalty within easy kicking distance to the right of the posts and, with the Saracens defence expecting him to kick at goal, took a tapped penalty and hoofed the ball across to the left-hand corner where Johnston lurked in acres of unguarded space. The wing accomplished the unenviable task of picking up the skidding ball and dropping over the line.

Tainton and Rudling had collected a penalty goal apiece and the try gave Bristol a 7-3 interval lead. They had enjoyed a advantage at the lineout thanks to Blackmore and Barrow, but this was less pronounced after the interval as the lineouts became a complete shambles.

Rudling took Saracens within a point of their oppo-nents with a penalty goal from in front of the posts, but Tainton had the last word, putting up a high kick which

the visiting defence spilled. Knibbs seized on the ball and passed to Hickey who was pushed over the line by a mud-caked horde. Tainton added the conversion points.

Hickey, Conversion: Tanton. Penalty goat: Teinton. Seracens: Penalty goals: Ruthing (2).

BRISTOL: P Hulf; J Johnston, R Knibbs, W Waghom, H Dugger; M Tanton, J Daver; D Hickey, D Painter, D Hinkes, P Collings, P Stiff, A Blackmore, D Evens, C Barrow SARACENS: A Tunningley; P Butler, J Buckton, D Dooley, M Gregory; B Rading, B Device: A Rods. G Forderman, 6 Waton, C Tarbuck, M Lengley, L Ademson, J Cassell, B Crawley.

Rateman: G Endposeh (Canadia).

RFU acts to ease cup backlog THE Rugby Football Union Inevitably, the fact that sev-Bristol and Saracens, will handle the B international

(RFU) is today expected to recommend an alternative date to play the fourth round Pilkington Cup matches postponed from Saturday (David Hands writes). Only one of the eight ties went ahead, at Bristol, though that between Wasps and the holders, Harlequins, was lost only at midday.

Wasps were keen to play but agreed that if Harlequins were less enthusiastic they would defer. Peter Winterbottom, the Harleouins captain, inspected the pitchwith Mark Rigby, his opposite number, but decided that the risk was too great.

en Harlequins (and one Wasp, Jeff Probyn) will be engaged on England's behalf against Ireland next Saturday will have been a factor. Geoff Cooke, the England manager, was far from dismayed that the cup tie had been postponed.

None the less, two senior matches were played in the London area, Askeans beating Blackheath and London Welsh beating Weston-super-Mare 36-19 in a postponed fourth division south league eame.

George Gadjovich, the Canadian who refereed the only cup tie to be played, between

between England and Ireland at Richmond on Friday. Gadjovich, aged 31, is part of an exchange between the RFU and Canada, which saw Steve Griffiths, the North Midlands official, handle the game last May between Canada and Scotland. Garryowen went to the top

of the All-Ireland League with a magnificent forward display against previously unbeaten Shannon at Thomond Park. Limerick, on Saturday. They won 20-9 in front of a crowd estimated at 15,000. scoring tries through Wood, Wallace and Manning.

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All Ireland League

First division

Garryowen _ Shannon.... Old Wesley . Lansdowne .

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Second division

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WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

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III Azhirscidin law b McDermott
S R Tandullar faw b McDermott
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BOWLING: McDermott 31-9-78-5; Whit-ney 26.2-668-2; Hughes 18-5-55-3; Warns 7-1-18-0; Waugn 2-1-3-0. Umpires: P McConnell and D Haw.

Dev and Prabhakar, which Test innings and Border will have cheered up the curator. Better than that, India's last four wickets added 155 runs, enough to leave them with a decidedly useful lead.

> far, was a nice blend of composed defence and lissom strokes, and by the time Raju and Srinath were adding 33 for the last wicket, batting was beginning to look quite a simple matter. It will remain, I expect, a close match, quite likely an exciting one. But it would be a pity to come all this way to Adelaide without it living up to its reputation —

Fourth round BRISTOL 13 SARACENS Bristol: Tries: Johnston, Hickey Cont. Teinton Pen: Tainton. Saracens: Pens: Ruding (2) POSTPONED: Gloucester v London Scottish, Manchester v Newcastle Gostorth, Northampton v Bath Rosslyn Park v Thurock, Sale v Orrell, Wasps v Harlequins Waterloo v Lascester.

Pilkington Cup

Courage Clubs Championship FIRST DIVISION: Postponed: Rugby v Notingham Third division: Postponed: Nuneaton v Otley Fourth division north: Postponed: Walsali v Stourbridge Fourth division south

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McEwan's Scottish League BOROUGHMUR 15 HAWICK Boroughmur: Tries: Hall, Reid Cons: Walker (2) Pen: Walker Hawick: Try: Turnbul Con: Welsh Pens: Welsh (2). Dropped goal Welsh CURPE 28 GALA

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Edinburgh Academicals. Tries: Mcivor. Moore Con: Hay-Smith. Pen: Hay-Smith. Dropped goal: Hay-Smith Sellick. Try: Jamiston Pens: Pow (2) Dropped goal: Pens. GLASGOW HK 18 STEWART'S MEL 7 Glasgow High Kelvinside, Tries: Agnew, Umaga. Cons: Breckensidge (2) Pen: Breckenridge Dropped goal: Breckenridge Stewart's Melville FP: Try: Maltigan Pen: Suring

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Masstog v Newtondge: Oakdale v Swansea. Pontypridd v Pontypool Utd, Pyle v Cardiff HS Old Boys: Talywan v Merthyr HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Fourth division: Postponed: Cilfynydd v Turble, Ystradigynlas v Abercynon WALES. Welsh Brewens Cup: Fourth round: Wettstown 47, St Clears 0 Esst Ostrict champonship: First division: Penlyrch 12, Cardiff institute 11. Wistech Central Glamorgan League: First division: Messteg Ouns 14, Celn Cribbwt 3; Neath Althletic 12, Bridgerd Sports Cub 5. Gwent championship: Premier division: Abergeveny 7, Rhymey 13, Crossycethog 17, Tredegar Ironsdes 12. West Wales Welsh Brewens championship: First division: Carmarthen 15, Seven Sichers 7, Pontyberem 13, Vardre 13 Seven scheen, 7, Pornyderan 13, Vardre 13
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Streatham and Croydon 7, Dorlong 11. Third division south east: Beckenheim 61, Beshal and Hashings 7 ADT CLOB Merit Tabler: Old Caternamisms 6, Old Padamens 9, Old Durstanzans 41, Old Padamens 9; Old Durstanzans 41, Old Padamens 12; Fullers Brewery Middlessex Monit Tabler: Lensburry 4, London New Zealand 25.
SOUTH WEST: Bess Cornwell Cup: Fourth round: Cambonne 39, Listkeand, Lone 3, Launceston 32, Hayte 0, Bass Cornwell Plate: Second round: Cambonne SOM 33, RAF Portnach 0, Helston 4, Falmouth 13, St Just 3, Blogan Pork 9

The power that is reduced by fragmentation



utside, women with ice picks, some of them grandmothers and some in their teens, chipped away at the pavement, tidying the approach to the Kremlin that sits in familiar picture postcard frozen splendour. Aspects of Russian life and economics remains unchanged. Or

Across a small bowl of freshly picked daffodils on the cabinet table within the Kremlin Palace, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian republic, smiles from deeply bloodshot eyes at Juan Antonio Samaranch. the president of the International Olympic Committee. Only four hours sleep a night, moving from one critoll on the man who replaced Mikhail Gorbachev.

A week ago, Yeltsin postponed at eight hours notice his scheduled meeting with Samaranch. Now, he apologises. It was a misunderstanding of communication. he says, and those responsible have been fired. As the two shake hands for official photographs, be-neath the red-white-and-blue Russian flag, Yeltsin, a former prominent volleyball player, stands a head taller than the small Spaniard. Yet this is familiar ground for Samaranch: he has met more heads of state than

Yeltsin as yet has had foreign

As the discussion proceeds on the formation, identity. flags and anthems for the 1992 Olympic Games.

David Miller watches Boris Yeltsin

fight fatigue in his attempt to fly the flag for EUN at the Olympics

derstand the delicate position of both IOC and his volatile republic. He is proud of his own sports heritage and physique. "If I wasn't fit from sport. I wouldn't have been able to leap up onto those tanks," he says, with reference to the demonstrations at the time of the failed coup against Gorbachev.

It is evident as Samaranch makes his proposals for a unified team as a prelude to acceptance of independent republic National Olympic Committees (NOC), that Yeltsin would like the national prestige associated

with Russia flying its own flag at medal ceremonies this year. Such exposure would enhance him personally, but he readily agrees to the compromise that is necessary to harmonious continuity of the Games, and shows himself pleased with the day's out-

Although external sporting equilibrium has been maintained for Russia, internal stresses remain acute, primarily economical. The rouble, and savings, have be-come valueless. Muscovites hedge against inflation by storing vodka to pay the

plumber, or buying semivaluable goods - on Saturday it was a new delivery of expensive vanity boxes at Gum, the government department store - which may be twice the price next week.

On Saturday, Samaranch arranged for \$1.5 million owed by Russian television for Games coverage to be deferred. An endorsement contract with Adidas has covered the \$800,000 cost of sending the team of 147 competitors to Albertville next week. Vitaly Smirnov. president elect of the Russian Republic NOC, calculates that \$3.5 million will be needed for Barcelona.

As yet, they have one-sev enth of that. It is unique that the budget of an Olympic team is being met wholly by a foreign source. All existing

USSR have become void. Almost 90 per cent of the Equipe Unifiée (EUN) for Albertville will be from Russia, and much the same for the 510-strong team for Barcelona, which is only 20 less

than for Seoul. Smirnov calculates that EUN will win the same number of gold medals in Albertville as in Calgary, 11. and two more, 53, in Barcetona than in Seoul. Yet financial: hardship plus the fragmentation from 1993 onwards will reduce the power once held by the USSR.

Fragmentation poses many problems: who will fund the "national" training centres, some of which are in Armenia, Georgia, Latvia and the Ukraine? Yeltsin promises that the Russian sports budget will be expanded, not contracted, but the

exchange rate and food shortages could cripple Russian sport in the long run.

Many of the republics are unaware of the extent of the responsibilities they are gaining. The creation of NOCs will be the manifestation of independent identity, but not achievement. "This is not the work of sportsmen but of politicians," Smirnov says. The small republics will suffer the most."

Moldavia, for instance, which supplies three players to the EUN volleyball team for Barcelona, can never expect to qualify independently for the Olympic tournament. Where are our medical supplies/petrol/tractors," some republics are already crying. Scottish Nationalists might pause to study the uncertain fate of the Asian end of the Soviet giant.

Australian title won by American for the first time since 1980

Out-of-touch Edberg is easy prey for Courier

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

MINUTES after he had bearen Stefan Edberg to become Australian open champion. Jim Courier jumped into the River Yarra. Arguably, that was the biggest splash of the formight made by the American, whose progress to his second grand slam title had been measured in ripples more than waves.

Yesterday was only Courier's third visit to the centre court at Flinders Park, where he scuppered the Swede's hopes of a third Australian title with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory to move within touching distance of the No. 1

The Australians had not regarded Courier's no-nonsense style as a feature attraction, despite his French open title and the lofty ranking. On the whole, the second seed had been relegated to outside

irked him in equal measure. press this morning, you would have thought I had lost the match already," Courier said. "Next year you will know who I am."

Yet if he has not won over

hearts, he has at least left an indelible mark on the record books by becoming the first American to win this title since Brian Teacher in 1980. The event was not as strong in those days, but it would he hard to imagine that Teacher could have had a much easier run to the final. Even if Richard Krajicek had been fit for the semi-linal, Courier would not have met a seed until Edberg, who was, obligingly. well below his best.

'i don't want to take anything away from Jim because he played well and is a fabulous counter-puncher, but that is the worst I have seen Stefan play," Tony Pickard, Edberg's coach, said.

of consistency and power, which the sturdy Courier has in abundance, prevailed over Edberg's more ephemeral artistry. This was not the Edberg of New York, all dash and devil, but a more fallible character forced into undignified scrapping while he searched desperately for inspiration. Unfortunately for him, all that came was the vulnerability which seems to afflict his service action whenever he visits the southern

Last year, he handed Lendi a place in the final with two double faults. Yesterday, another virtually cost him the first set, two more gave Courier a two sets to one lead and silenced the chorus of Swedes, who had sensed their countryman's distress long before Courier had gained sweet revenge. "I never felt right all day." Edberg said. "To beat him you need to serve well and attack because he hits a lot of balls back."

mainly at the balls, which he thought much softer than usual. At the end of the third set, he had an animated discussion at courtside with the referee, Peter Bellenger, and, unusually, was still complaining after his defeat. They were even soft when new and they didn't bounce consistently," he said. "I couldn't generate any power." That might have explained Edberg's unusual tentativeness on the volley, but it did not seem to bother Courier, who has a simple solution to these matters. "I kinda just hit 'em.

whatever they are," he said. And hit them he did, with two-handed backhand, executed with a minimum of backlift, not unlike a John Edrich square cut. Though he had resolved to come to the net, if necessary, he rarely had to because Edberg gave him so many points. Only in the second set, one of only two he dropped in the tourna-ment — the other was also to a Swede. Thomas Enqvist he dropped his service again, did Courier waver.

Three blistering returns next game levelled the score and proved crucial in convincing Edberg that Courier was not going to collapse as Lendl had done so meekly in the quarter-final. Though Edberg clung on until the tenth game, he served two double faults to lose the set and the initiative once and for

His fate - and Courier's watery celebration - was sealed as soon as the American broke to lead 4-2 in the final set. "My coach. Brad Stein, said he would jump in the river if I won the title and alone." Courier explained. Perhaps Edberg should have

POTITION 13(E11).

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Making a fist of it: Courier celebrates a winning point in the Australian final

RUGBY LEAGUE

Newlove and Fox tip scale

Batley20 Featherstone Rovers . 36

BY KETTH MACKLIN

IT IS 91 years since Batley won their third Challenge Cup. There has since been a decline in the fortunes of the team known as the gallant youths, and gallantry was not quite enough for the third division side at Mount Pleas-

Rovers, struggling against relegation from the first divition, won because of Deryck Fox and Paul Newlove, their Great Britain squad players. Fox, at scrum half, dictated every Featherstone move, while Newlove's pace and strength in the centre gave him three tries.

After trailing 24-8 at half-time, Batley rattled Rovers in the second half, using the notorious Mount Pleasant slope to kick deep and chase. However, Newlove scored two long-range tries, sidestepping Dyson, the Batley full back, in both

As Batley raised their game in the second half, Jeff Grayshon, their prop forward, a grandfather aged 41. slipped near passes which were seized upon by Tomlinson and Wilson, the half backs. Batley were re-warded with tries by Bownass, the wing, and Tomlinson, who was awarded a penalty try when he was tackled as he attempted to follow his own kick-through over the line.

☐ Workington Town, of the second division, provided the shock of the first round when they beat Wakefield Trinity 13-8 at Derwent Park.

Lords beat Ryedale York 46-8 but Garry Schofield suffered a depressed fracture of the cheekbone and will be

Seles continues to bloom

GONE was the image of Madonna and the modern material girl; in its place, in the aftermath of a second Australian open title here in Melbourne, Monica Seles managed a passable impersonation of Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, complete with frills and bonnet (Andrew Longmore writes). Were it not for an admission earlier in the week that a true champion did not have time for smelling roses, she could have doubled as Suzanne Lenglen's gardener.

Quite what the great French champion, who has become Seles's idol in recent weeks, would make of the young Yugoslav or her varied wardrobe at post-match press conferences, is anyone's guess. Ted Tinling, the one person who could have said. is no longer with us, but Seles can now be regarded as the latest link in a long chain of champions who have, like Lenglen. Evert, Navratilova

and Graf, dominated the women's game.

Yet, what is extraordinary about Seles, is how limited her game is. She has only one speed, is no great athlete. cannot, by her own admission, lob, serve or volley, but she seems guaranteed to arrive at Wimbledon in midsummer with half a grand slam and an unbeaten grand slam record stretching back to the 1990 United States

So what is her secret? "Her tenacity," Mary Joe Fernandez, beaten 6-2, 6-3 but not disgraced in her second Australian open final, said. "Under no circumstances does she play tentatively. She goes for points 100 per cent of the time. She can create shots

from nowhere."
The American's plan was to get to the net and put pressure on the champion in the same way as she had hussled Sabatini two days before. "I was trying to come in but she

was hitting so hard and deep, it was difficult," Fernandez

> The No. 7 seed had points to take the first four games, but after half an hour found herself 4-0 down. She took an hour to hold service and was always chasing the match. "It was tighter than the score suggested," Seles said. Though she felt she had not

> been playing her best, Seles dropped just one set, to Leila Meskhi. on the way to her fifth grand slam title, at the age of 18. Only Meskhi and the young German, Anke Huber, gave her a real struggle here, and the French open would seem a formality. Wimbiedon, though, will

present more problems.
"I have to go into Wimbledon believing I can win and I do believe I can," Seles said. "I didn't believe that before, and maybe because 1 didn't play last year I am going to want to prove to people that I can do it." Contrary indeed.

near backward fall after the

first dip of the second heat.

His bullish style carried the

100kg Italian to his 26th

victory, equalling the record

Ole Christian Furuseth, of

Norway, led by 0.18sec after

of Franz Klammer.

joined them.

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Record victory gives Tomba the title

Switzerland: first run, could even afford a Alberto Tomba, of Italy, yes-terday secured the World Cup slaiom title by winning the last race before the Winter Olympics. where he is overwhelmingly favoured to defend his gold medal in the

Tomba posted his seventh win of the season with a twoheat total of 1min 34.34 sec. 0.62sec ahead of Paul Accola, of Switzerland, the overall World Cup leader. Armin Bittner, of Germany, finished

third, 0.85 sec behind. Tomba, second after the

run - one more disappoint-

the first run, but fell in the wind-up. He came in eight seconds off the pace. Marc Girardelli, the world slalom champion, who won at Wengen in 1985, skidded out midway down the first

remaining this season. Tomba has an unbeatable lead in the slalom, with 720 points out of a possible 800. Accola has 508. The last time Tomba was stalom champion was in 1988, when he won Olympic gold in that event and the giam statom.

Accola took a decisive step towards his first overall World Cup title by winning the combined at Wengen. which awards points for agpregate results in the slalom and Saturday's downhill. Tomba does not race down-

to Tomba's 1.060.

Franz Heinzer, of Switzerland, confirmed on Saturday that he is the Olympic downhill favourite, winning his fourth race of the season with a masterful performance on the classic Lauberhorn hill.

Heinzer beat Markus Wasmeier, of Germany, by 1.60sec - the widest margin in six downhills this season with a time of 2min 28.33sec for the 4.250-metre run.

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ment in a troubled season. Compagnoni makes the breakthrough

Morzine, France: Deborah Compagnoni finally broke into the ranks of winners on the Alpine ski circuit yesterday when she became the first Italian woman in six years to triumph in a World Cup race,

Compagnoni, aged 21, won an exciting super-giant slalom race on a good day for the late starters. The world champion, Ulrike Maier, of Austria, skiing third, had looked set for victory with her time of 1 min 11.46sec down the Jean Vuarnet piste.

But she then watched Com-

pagnoni shave 0.44sec off her time to snatch victory. As the course grew faster in the sunshine, Merete Fjeldavli, of Norway, came through from 32nd starting place for the third best time.

Of the first 15 to start, only Maier, Carole Merle, of France, who finished seventh. and Anita Wachter, of Austria. made it into the top ten. Compagnoni, who had four second places in stalom and giant slalom this season. said: "I thought I could do well here because I like the

course. But I never believed that I could win." After their clean sweep in the downhill on Saturday, the

German team had a poor showing with Katja Seizinger going out and Katrin Gutensohn falling. Seizinger con-firmed herself as the new speed star of the circuit after winning her second downhill in a row. Her Austrian-born team-male. Gutensohn, was second, with Michaela Gerg third.



Compagnoni: success

SWIMMING

Fibbens in form for Cup sprints

Bonu: Mike Fibbens beat the fastest swimmer in the world to win the 50 metres freestyle and take his weekly race earnings to \$1,000 at the Arena Festival, the fifth round of the World Cup, here last night (Craig Lord writes).

The British champion. from Barnet, north London, had broken his own British record to qualify fastest for the final, in 22.23sec, yesterday morning. He was 0.02 sec slower in the final, with only Nils Rudolph, the world record holder and European champion from Germany, on 22.30sec, able to come between him and Austyn Shortman, his England team-mate, third in 22.57.

Fibbens leaves Bonn third in World Cup freestyle sprint category, but with one round in hand, having won the 100 metres on Saturday. At next month's final in Majorca, two victories (50 and 100 metres) could earn him \$10,000. Sharron Davies clocked a

British record 2min 14.16sec to take third place in the 200 metres medley on Saturday,

sidelined for two months. 20 90 AUSTRIA (Runs to resort are worn, but good conditions generally) SWITZERLAND Chateau d'Oex15 60 (Upper slopes in good condition, hard lower down) UNITED STATES good open 65 170 ____ 80 110

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TRAINERS

Falcons Dawn poised to swoop

FALCONS Dawn can take for the first time and is likely advantage of the considerable to have the most to fear from drop in company in the second division of the Rock Novices' Hurdle at Southwell today, and he is napped to open his account.

He had a tough task at Ludlow last time out, where he was made second favourite against the useful Song Of Sixpence. On that occasion, he ran much too freely when making the running, and subsequently folded up three flights from home.

Prior to that disappointing effort, he showed plenty of promise on his hurdling debut when two-and-a-half lengths second to the useful Polishing at Catterick. Today, he is significantly visored

MANDARIN

1.45 Ergana. 2.15 River Bounty.

2.45 The Green Stuff, 3.15 Officer Cadet, 3.45 Teacher's Dram.

4.15 Weekday Cross.

Gymcrak Sovereign.

Aiready Gymcrak Sover-eign has shown his ability to handle the all-weather surface at Southwell, where he beat Banana Cufflinks by eight lengths a week ago. But I feel the selection still has scope for further improve-ment now that he has gained useful hurdling experience.

The second division of the

Rock Novices' Hurdle can go to Mara Askari at the expense of Abingdon Flyer. Mara Askari acquitted him-self well on his hurdling debut when third behind Gymcrak Sovereign over today's course

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RICHARD EVANS

2.15 Popeswood. 2.45 The Green Stuff.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (7AM INSPECTION)

2.45 The Green Sinff. 3.15 BLACK SAPPHIER

shown that he can handle the sand when successful on the Flat, can return to form in the Granite Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

At Kempton last time out, he failed to show anything like his true form when last of the six finishers behind Star Quest. Previously at Leicester. Jinga would have been involved in the finish with Light Veneer had he not fallen at the second-last hundle.

The unfortunate Dr Bulasco can gain quick recompense for his failure at Lingfield last Thursday. when his saddle slipped after the first hurdle. Before that mishap he was a five-length winner from Grey Area over today's course and distance.

At Plumpton, River Bounty can return to winning form in the Plumpton Handicap Chase. At Market Rasen last time out, the six-year-old was far from disgraced when beaten two-and-a-half lengths by Master Cornet. who was receiving 24lb.

Prior to that game performance, John Upson's gelding was a comfortable six-length winner over Pacific Sound at Lingfield.

Upson and his retained rider, Robbie Supple, can quickly complete a double with The Green Staff in the Aldbourne Handicap Chase.

after a series of misfortune, when beating the useful Set-ter Country by three lengths over today's distance.

If you overlook the recent performance of Ergana she would have an outstanding chance of taking the Poyn-ings Conditional Jockeys' Selling Hurdle. At Windsor, on her debut, she finished a promising fourth of 21 to Brown Sauce in a competitive novice hurdle.

However, she failed to reproduce that running when pulled up two flights from home when tried on the allweather surface at Lingfield. Today, I am prepared to overlook that dismal effort as she

The gelding recently reis worthy of another chance. Resonant number. Sto-figure form (F - Iell. P - pulled up. U - unsected rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F W flat. (B - binkers, Y - vicor. M - hood. E - Epochiaid. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and interest rates.

3.15 PYECOMBE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,688; 2m 4f) (8 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Tree Poppy, 3-1 Officer Cadet, 7-2 Black Sepphire, 10-1 Old Veginia, 14-1 Mannatum Boy, Shades Of Peace, 16-1 others. 1981: WISHLON 8-11-7 L, Dace (4-1) R Smyth 12 ren

FORM FOCUS

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Destriero pitted against champion at Leopardstown

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

MORLEY Street, Destricto and Ruling are set to clash at Leopardstown on Saturday in what amounts to a dress rehearsal for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March.

Toby Balding said Morley Street was 75 per cent likely to run in Ireland in the Paschal Butler Champion Hurdle following the cancellation of Cheltenham on Saturday. "He is an intended runner. The race is worth £50,000 and it is very tempting, but I shall enter him in the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown as well,"

he saki. Ruling, who finished third behind Morley Street at Chel-tenham last March, is also entered for Sandown and Leopardstown, but Fulke Johnson Houghton indicated yesterday that Ireland was the likely target. "I think the ground at Sandown will be too firm, so it looks like Ireland. It will be a very hot

race." Destriero, winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, has failed to cover himself in glory so far this season, having been beaten by Trapper John at Navan and then falling in the Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown last month.

However, Noel Furlang, the trainer-gambler who landed a million pound-plus touch with Destriero at Cheltenham, was in an extremely optimistic mood yesterday.

The horse could not be better but I would like to see soft ground for him. He took a nasty fall last time. He was a bit hyped up and not the calm horse he should have been, but he is absolutely perfect now. Obviously, Morley Street is a big danger, but I would not be frightened by

Granville Again, a brother to Morley Street who finished second to Destriero last March, has flourished this season, but will not be running this Saturday. Martin Pipe confirmed yesterday that his Champion Hurdle contender will go straight to Cheltenham.

The champion trainer still has to fathom out where - or if - to run Carvill's Hill before the Cheltenham Gold Cup following the cancellation of an invaluable rehearsal around Prestbury Park on Saturday.

The Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on February 16 remains an Pearce's remedy pays

WITH a little help from American scientists, Martini

Executive, backed from 20-1

to 7-1, landed a good old-fashioned gamble by five lengths on the Fibresand at

Lingfield on Saturday.

Martini Executive and lost

his way due to repeatedly

bursting blood vessels. How-ever, his trainer William

Pearce found the answer

when browsing through an

American bloodstock magazine. A vitamin and herbal

medication called Haemaguard has been used with

success in drug-free New York State, but is virtually

A RISE in temperature over

the weekend has given hope

that Plumpton might be able

to stage its meeting today.
The clerk of the course Cliff

Griggs said yesterday: "There has been a dramatic change

in the weather, and we will

inspect again at 7am.

"The ground is still frozen, and there's no way we could have raced today. But we are

option despite the appalling

record of winners in the sub-

Oliver Sherwood's mare

was vying for the lead at the time and the mistake left

Jodami in front earlier than

his jockey and trainer would

have liked. Nonetheless, the

strapping seven-year-old, stuck to his task well. A mis-take by King's Curate three fences from home effectively

Peter Beaumont, trainer of

Jodami, said yesterday: "He's

eaten clean up this morning and is nice and bright. He will probably go for the Reynoldstown Chase at Ascot

Jodami's victory completed

another piece of the Sun Alli-

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Mutare at Chepstow last

Tuesday.

All eyes will now turn to

Sandown on Saturday when

Bradbury Star, unbeaten in five completed starts over

fences, will run in the Scilly

The Fellow, the French-

trained winner of the King

George VI Chase at Kempton

on Boxing Day, has been enjoying a well-earned rest

but this morning goes back

into serious work in prepara-

tion for the Gold Cup. His

trainer François Doumen re-

ported that The Fellow will go

to Cheltenham without

Gifford: Sandown test

unheard of in this country.

The Hambleton trainer ex

plained: "I've had Martini

Executive on the remedy for a month, and he has been working so much better at

home. He is able to race with

it because it does not show positive in post-race tests."

Encouraged by the colt's new lease of life, Pearce confessed to a "small investment".

to a "small investment".

Champion jockey Pat
Eddery, still trying to break
his duck in the Lincoln
Handicap, will ride Maggie
Siddons for Barnstable
trainer John Hill in this

hopeful that, with the forecast

able to go ahead."

Placepot: £70,70.

Lingfield Park

looking good, racing will be

There is a similar story for

the meeting at Leicester to-

morrow. An inspection is planned for 11am today. But

chances at Sedgefield on the

same day, where there has

been heavy frost, appear bleak Today's 10am inspec-

tion is likely to be a formality.

with Lingfield gamble

Plumpton hopes rise

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

another race.

Isles Novices' Chase.

ended his hopes.

on February 5."

sequent Cheltenham race.

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN LAUSANNE

ICE SKATING

Europe's

best fail

to excite

passions

The highlight at Ayr on Saturday proved to be THE European champion-Jodami's defeat of King's ships came to a wimpering Curate. Unfortunately, an uncharacteristic blunder five fences close on Saturday, satisfying only to those who had won the medals or a place in an Olymfrom home by Mossy Fern, pic team, and those in the which unseated Jamie Os-borne, robbed the race of some of its potential value. nether regions who had nothing to lose and therefore no special pressure to bear.

Not for the first time, the women's event failed to live up to expectations. Even Surya Bonaly, defending her title for France with no great difficulty, was not quite as acrobatically precise in her jumps and withheld her famed quadruple toe loop for the Olympic launch pad at

Albertville. In an important other respect she has made progress. Using Bizet's Carmen as an ally - a shrewd choice since it lends itself so readily to interpretation — she effected a change of attitude on the part of the judges. Their concern now, expressed to her trainer. Didier Gailhaguet, was not that she failed in artistic impression but that her technique required attention. They want to see her glide into her jumps off pure run-

ning edges rather than in a straight line on flat skates. We are, alas, back to the sad, bad old days so far as Joanne Conway, the British champion, is concerned. Fourth last year in Europe and seventh in the world, she

finished ninth on Saturday. Her choice of choreography, devised by Christopher Dean, is full of interest, but quirky to the point of her admitting: "You either like it or loathe it." She would need to be on the top of her form to bring it off, not, as now. brooding in a cocoon of lost confidence.

Charlene Von Saher, the British second string, made a promising first appearance at the age of 17 to be twelfth. She has a beautiful style, conspicuous in an opening double axel landed as softly as an autumn leaf.

REBULTS: Women: 1. S Bonely (Fr) 1.5pts; 2. M Kleimann (Ger), 4.5; 3, P hassi-(Ger), 5.0; 4. S Lang, (Ger), 5.0; 5. I Kutovane (Cz), 75; 6. L. Hubert (Fr), 9.0 British placinge: 9, J Corwely, 14.5, 12. C von Saher, 19.5.

SNOOKER

Davis win dispels the doubts

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

STEVE Davis dispelled any lingering doubts that his recent upturn in fortunes would not last by beating Alan McManus 9-3 in the final of the £180,000 Asian open in Bangkok on Saturday. The win gave Davis his third title since mid-December.

Sixteen days ago, Davis ended 27 months without a ranking tournament victory by beating Stephen Hendry 9-8 in a memorable climax to the Mercantile Credit Classic. His triumph in Thailand was considerably easier, but, if anything. Davis derived greater satisfaction from it.

"In some respects, this is a better performance that in the Mercantile." Davis, who extended his winning run to 14 matches, said, "I have maintained my momentum.

The Asian open's £30,000 first prize took Davis to the top of the season's prize-mon-ey list with £267,800 and, in the provisional world rankings, he has narrowed the gap between himself and Hendry to 12 points.

RESULT: S Davis (Engl bt A McManus (Scot), 9-3 Frame scores (Davis first) 67-31, 70-85, 76-7, 0-135, 59-71, 86-10, 64-41, 129-1, 112-7, 14-69, 62-36, 63-19





GOING: STANDARD BETTIMO: 7-4 Abrigation River, 9-4 Mera Asterni, 3-1 Shawwell, 6-1 War Best, 10-1 Khojohin, 14-1 Grey Commender, 16-1 others. 1991; MUKRR 5-11-11 C Llewellyn (11-8 fav) P Walwyn 12 run Long handleter Anderson Rose 9-13, Montylosiky 9-9, Mariners Law 9-6, Aughton Ridge 9-5, Wilsould 9-2, Yecsert 8-7 SALES SALES



COURSE SPECIALISTS

42.3 A Ortmay 41.7 M Foster 36.8 G Lyons 33.3 Date McKer 27.4 G McCourt 27.3 J Rym

TRAINERS

Ayr Going: good 1.00 (2m hole) 1, Good Profile (L Wyer, 2-7 tsv), 2, Dizzy (12-1), 3, Minnegen (9-1), 9 ran. 41, 34 G Moore, Tote E1.40; E1 10, 22.20, 21.80 DF: D4 10. CSF E5.74. 22.20, 21.80 DF- 24 10. CSF ES.74.
1.30 (3m 110yd ct); J. Jodami (P. A. Farrell, 11-8 lav); 2, King's Curste (5-2); 3, Kambalde Rambler (20-1), 8 ran. 31, 251. P. Beaumont Tote: 2.20; 21.60, 51.10, 21.50 DF: 22.50. CSF, 24.87.
2.00 (3m holes); 1, Candy Tuff (P Niven, 5-2 lav); 2, Celta: Breaze (10-1); 3, Habitan Whim (7-2), 17 ran. 5, 44, livis G Ravelley. Tote: 23.00; 21.60, 23.60, 21.40 DF 210.80, CSF: 224.15 210.0. CSF: 524 IS 2.30 (4m 120yd ch) 1. Carousel Roctet (J Calephan, 7-1), 2. Rubika (6-4 fev); 3, Radical Lady (7-2) 6 ran 2%); 51 M Ham-mond Tote 58 40; 51.60, 52 00 DF: 94.30. CSF, \$16.50. 2.30 (4m 120yd ch) 1. Carousel Rocker to Calaphan. 7-1). 2. Rubbas (6-4 tev); 3. Radical Lady (7-2) 6 ran 2'6/, 5l M Hammord Tota 12'40; 21.50, 12'200 DF: 24'30. CSF, 1'6.50, 12'200 DF: 24'30. CSF, 1'6.50, 12'200 DF: 3.00 (2m hole); 1. Crosshet (A Lamach, 3-1 tav; Richard Evans's rap); 2. Skeletor (6-1); 3. Windward Anom (5-1); 11 ran 11. St H McDoradd, Tote: 12'30°, 1'6 to (2-40), 1'4.00. DF: 1'12'10. CSF, 1'19.08. Thouset 1'26'9 3.30 (2m ch); 1. Trubtion (M Parrett, 8-1); 2. Calcutte Queen (5-4 tav); 6 ran, 3.50 1. Str Tasker (6-1); 2. Joval Kate (4-1 tav), 3. Mecson Times (9-2); 10 ran 3.00 (2m hdlb 1, Cresshot (A Lamach, 3-1 lav., Richard Evens's nap); 2, Skeletor (6-1); 3, Windward Anom (5-1), 11 nan, 11, St HiveDonald, Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £2.40, £1.40, DF £12.10, CSF, £19.08, Thosast £76.96

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS TRAINERS

JOCKEYS 3 -51.24 1 +22.25 8 -52.25 8 -58.43 6 -13.71 6 +17.34 5 -26.34 16 -102.20 P Scuadanore
P Hireft
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G McCourt
M Dwyer
C Gmm
J Osborns
A Magust
N Caughty
C Unwollyn -11 18 -5.69 -129.59 +67.31 -45.83 -28 42 -41.50 -49.16 -53.74 -22.16 West Ham demonstrate a lack of flair

Jones chimes in to keep Wrexham's Cup run on track

West Ham United...

BY CLIVE WHITE

IT WAS as well for the West Ham players that their sup-porters decided to get their demonstration in early at Upton Park on Saturday other-wise they may have found themselves subjected to pro-

tests of a more strident nature

later following an embarrass-ing FA Cup experience. After the way their season has gone so far, the players could be excused for thinking that the "stand up, sit down", demonstration as the teams kicked off was for their benefit. If they did, they may feel it was vindicated by the undistinguished performance which followed against Wrexham, who, in contrast, are emerging as the outstanding side of the competition, having accounted for Arsenal in

In fact, the majority of the

ng against the contentious bond scheme, though it might as well have been aimed at the team. Not that they are in any shape to withstand criticism. So lacking are they in confidence, few might expect them to surive the replay at the Racecourse Ground on February 4. "It's a problem now," Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, said.
"People will probably start thinking we're favourites and I don't like that."

Farnborough's exploits in the previous round against West Ham stole some of Wrexham's thunder. As Lee Jones, the young substitute who came on to score their thoroughly deserved eightieth-minute equaliser, said: "The result seemed a bit of an

Portsmouth have limited horizons

Leyton Orient0

By PETER ROBINSON

THERE was no talk of going on to beat the big clubs at Fration Park on Saturday. No talk of Portsmouth recreating those far-off days when the city boasted one of the country's most powerful teams. You would barely have guessed that a place in the fifth round of the FA Cup had been gained by the summary

dismissal of Leyton Orient. Instead, everybody wanted to know about Portsmouth's talented young players, where they had come from, how old were, how good they might become and, most of all, how quickly and for how much the wealthy clubs would be trying to buy them.

The centre of attention was Darren Anderton, a lanky 19-year-old winger with the languid gait of a young Chris Waddle and the skills to justify such a comparison. Clever. pacey and with the stamina of the cross-country champion he once was, Anderton was Portsmouth's match-winner, crowning a line individual display with two magnificent goals.

Graeme Souness, of Liverpool, Steve Coppell, of Crystal Palace, and Bill Nicholson, of Tottenham, were among a posse of talent-spotters on hand to view Anderton's heroics and they were suitably impressed. Andy Awford, also just 19, was another to catch ters at the back, a sweeper blessed with an old head on young shoulders.

Indeed, Awford was marginally the brighter star in a goalless first half, despite some trickery from Anderton. No doubt who stole the show after that, though. An instinctive 20-yard volley after 52 minutes that struck a post as it went in, and a 69th mintue run and shot drilled low past a stranded goalkeeper earned Anderton the plaudits and ensured Portsmouth of the victory they deserved. Orient, their moment of glory secured in an earlier round,

Yet, when the final whistle went, the Cup was almost forgotten. Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, purred over his young team's performance, bravely said he wanted to keep such a successful group of players together and then admitted that if the bids came and were high enough, that would be difficult.

As for the Cup. "It would be very, very difficult to win it against all the big clubs out there," Smith said. "I would rather have won five more games in the League and be out of all the cups to be honest." Reality had intruded even further into football's most romantic competition.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight, A Awtord, J Berestord, D Powell (sub: S Wigley), K Symone, G Busters, W Nell, M Kurs, G Whittingham, C Busns, D Anderbox, LEYTON ORIENT: C Turner, T Howard, W Hackert, W Burnstt, K Day, A Whitbread, G Roeder, S Castle, A Jones (sub: K Achampong), K Nugent, R Otto (sub: M Cooper).

The two games, however, were not dissimilar in partern. As against George Graham's side, the struggling fourth division team might have gone under in the first half, but with great character and no little skill hung on and had the resilience to come from behind twice to equalise headed goals by Julian Dicks and Trevor Morley.

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According to Flynn, the occasion got to one or two of his younger players in the first half, when the experience of the old stagers, Micky Thomas and Gordon Davies, who had been isolated with suspected food poisoning 24 hours earlier, stood Wrexham in good stead.

Thomas, aged 37, looked none the worse for having had to train alone since being banned by a judge from at-tending the Racecourse while his case for handling counterfeit currency was pending.
"It's not the ideal preparation." Thomas said. "But I tend to do my own thing

For all the chances they created in the first half. West Ham were never convincing as an attacking force and did not look comfortable with their single-goal leads, as Bil-ly Bonds, their manager, was the first to admit. Dicks and Stuart Slater, who is receiving cortisone injections for a foot injury, represented the only real threat to Wrexham, along the left flank, where they are forging "a nice bond", as Slater remarked.

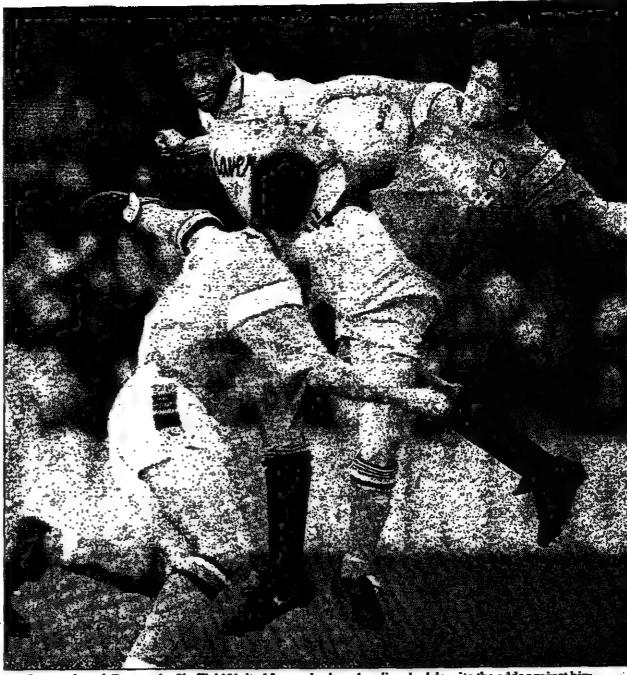
It was not surprising, therefore, that both West Ham goals should come from set pieces, in the 27th and 74th minutes. Between, with Thackeray finding the time in the second half to push forward purposely from right back, Wrexham claimed a sixtieth-minute equaliser when Phillips capitalised on a fortuitous rebound to sweep the ball home.

Their second equaliser was no less deserved, nor unexpected. Within four minutes of taking to the field, Jones, picked out by Owen's spiendidly driven 50-yard crossfield pass, as Watkin had been moments earlier only for Miklosko to perform a brilliant double save. This time, Wrexham were not to be denied, and though the Czechoslovak goalkeeper got a hand to Jones's shot, he could not prevent him claiming a time-

first goal of the season. The FA Cup now moves to the backburner for Wrexham, whose attention focuses on tomorrow night's Welsh Cup quarter-final at home to Colwyn Bay. "That's just as important as the FA Cup," Flynn said, not without some nationalistic pride.

WEST HAM UNITED: L. Mildoglio, T. Srescher, J. Dicks, S. Potts, C. Poster, M. Thomas, K. Koen, F. McAverarie (sub: M. Streille, K. Brown, T. Morkey, S. Stober, WIED-MARL: V. O'Keefe, A. Theckerey, Plarcy, B. Carrey, M. Thomas, M. Serror, G. Davies, G. Owen, K. Connolly (sub: L. Jones), S. Wattier, W. Phillips.

Refinise: C. Trussell.



Outnumbered: Deane, the Sheffield United forward, wins a heading duel despite the odds against him-

Spirited Swindon bite back

Cambridge United Swindon Town

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A FEW fly bites cannot stop a spirited horse. Mark Twain's words contain a reassuring logic, but considering the nasty nip inflicted by Swindon Town, John Beck chose the wrong Saturday to unleash his latest literary allusion on readers of the Cambridge programme.
The problem was that his

players proved unusually placid. "I have never known us so docile," the Cambridge manager said. "We were not Smarting from two defeats by Cambridge in the second division, Swindon got the bit firmly between their teeth in this FA Cup fourth-round tie and pulled the home defenders all over the place.

Swindon experienced few such problems, the sweeper system coping so well that rather than forcing the usual stream, Cambridge were restricted to a couple of

Set-pieces may be Beck's forte, but Glenn Haddle, the Swindon manager, is no slouch when it comes to rehearsing them, too, and the

scoring by nudging home Hazard's corner just before half-time, and Shearer made it two after a clever free kick. in the 49th minute. Bodin's chip over the wall found Shearer in space, and Swindon's leading scorer struck his 25th goal of the season low inside the far post.

He waited only four min-utes for the 26th. Arriving courtesy of Bodin's flick, it was despatched with apiomb from outside the area, offer-

ing Vaughan no hope.

It was fitting that the free kick preceding Shearer's first goal was for a foul on Simpson, because the midfield player was the crucial link in

Time will tell whether Cambridge's lack of similarly successful manocurres was caused by their opponents getting the measure of their one-dimensional system or could simply be put down to them having a bad day.

They have won only two of their last 11 games and the next few weeks should determine whether their stamble has been caused by anything

Charlton look for the silver lining

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Charlton Athletic Sheffield United0

BY CLIVE WHITE

ALAN Curbishley and Steve Gritt, the Charlton Athletic managerial duo, had little option but to look on the bright side after their team had passed up the chance of a victory over first-division opposition in yesterday's FA Cup tie at Upton Park.

"Getting a draw is like win-ning for us," Gritt said with a peculiar sense of logic. "We'll get a 20,000 crowd at Bramall Lane and make some money." The two sides will attempt to settle their differences on February 5.

Another reason for the pair's cheery disposition might have been that their away form is superior to that at home, which no doubt comes from having no home to call their own for the past six years. Whatever the reason, they felt sufficiently confident to tempt fate by suggesting that the fifthround draw, away to Cheisea was "a good one" - for monetary reasons, of course.

It was hardly surprising that Dave Bassett, the Shell field United manager would not be drawn on commenting on any potential tie. "That's fantasy island," he said. He did, however, take consolation from the belief that such a poverty-stricken performance - Sheffield United did not manage a single strike of note on goal - can happen to the best of teams.

"I bet Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest have been slaughtered at some time or other on their way to Wembley' he said.

Perhaps so, but one cannot imagine that United, the only member of the present first division not to have reached Wembley since the war, have the twin towers in view just

If all teams need a little luck then United have just about used up their share. There was nothing lucky, however, about the goalkeeping of Simon Trace, a one-time Charlton supporter. He repeatedly stood in the way of what seemed certain defeat.

from Nelson, Barness and Burnstead but was at the mercy of Walsh in the 38th minute, only for the Chariton midfield player to shoot over the bar from two yards.

The second helf was much the same, with Charlton forcing the pace but lacking the killer touch in front of goal. United's performance difficult to comprehend, even for Bassett. "We introduced a new brand of football that I haven't seen before," he said. "Perhaps the players got to-gether and decided, that after winning three games in a row, they could go out and pose a bit."

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder: D Places, A Bernest, A Percent, D Windows, S Getting, R Lee, J Burnetsed, C Lenhum, G Nelson, C Wastin (auto: K Grand), SHEFFRELD UNITED: S Tracey; C Hill, D Barnets, J Garnets, B Gayle, P Beesley, Hodges, (auto: K Gagos), M Calle, I Bryann, & Dearne, D Writishouse (auto: 6 Marwood).

Bolton grateful for McCarthy's gift

Bolton Wanderers 2 Brighton BY IAN ROSS

WHILE their manager, Phil Neal, claimed afterwards that his Bolton team were more than capable of reaching this season's FA Cup final, the plain truth was that they might not even have secured a place in the fifth round but for an inexplicable error by McCarthy, the young Brighton centre back.

With 18 minutes remaining, at a time when the visitors were encountering few

problems in defending their right to a replay, Patterson. the afternoon's outstanding individual, chipped a harmless-looking pass into the Brighton penalty area.

McCarthy, mindful of Walker's presence, knocked the ball away with his outstretched left arm, an offence so blatant that he wasshaking his head in self-admonishment long before the referee awarded that rarity in the modern game, an uncontested penalty.
Philliskirk is so reliable

with dead ball kicks that the conversion was little more than a formality. "That is

HALIFAX Richardson

Fourth division

what Cup fever can do to a player; that is the pressure of Cup football," Neal, whose experience enables him to understand, better than most, the pressures players have to withstand, said.

Even though their winning goal was the product of outrageous good fortune, Wanderers fully deserved to reach the fifth round for the first time in 12 years, if only because their desire to inflict defeat on a second-division team manifested itself in a far superior workrate. Brighton's ambition never

extended beyond securing a second chance at the Gold-

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prising that they managed to recover after falling behind in the 51st minute, when Walker stabbed home from close range after Philliskirk had flicked on Green's throw.

Meade's splendid equaliser four minutes later so deflated the home side, which relies so much on sheer physical effort, that a draw seemed inevita ble; until McCarthy's moment of panic.

BOLTON WANDERERS: D Felgate, A States, D Buries, A Kelly, M Seagraves, M Carre, S Green (autic: D Redward), M Patierron, A Walter, A Phillistelle, J Darby, SRIGHTON M Beeney: J Crumplin, B Gallacher, J Chappann, P McCarrby, N Blasset, J Rochert, R MacCa, B Frenh D Delegon (aut. R Cacher), C Walter, Reference H Hennes.

CLYDE

Third round

Yesterday

Molpas 10 Ferguson 15 28 Ferreyre 40 O'Neil 48 Garner 58 (eg)

Second division

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES Tennents Scottish Cup DEAN Holdsworth Snelly caught up with John Aldridge's goal tally of 29 when he scored twice in Brentford's midweek facture at Leyton Orient. Duncan Shearer's FA Cup doubte at Certohidge moved him within reach of that deal-setting clin or 25 sees. (D .COWDNETH (1) " 2.188 PALIETON 90 0 FALKIPIK 4.281 Soon 56. HESERNIAN 11 2 PARTICK Whight 6 (pen) 60 11.988 MEADWRNK 90 1, KILMARNICK Williamson 46 Mitchell 85 2,301 MORTION (1) 4 EFRE (2) 2 Mortion (2) 4 EFRE (2) 2 Mathie 24 (pag 57 Beston 29 Reflety 75 Stadding 41 Alexander 96 2,476 RATH R (9) 0 ST 40HRSTNID) 2 6,000 Wight 57 Moore 72 ST MRRREN (3) 0 HEARTS (0) 0 8,952 d division . Lgs FA. Holosworth (B'ford) Roberts (Huddild) DUNDEEU (4) 8 BERWICK: (0) Melons 10 5,207 (1) 1 QUEEN'S PK (D) D ARBROATH (1) 2 POUL PLAY

Barclays League

Third round replay

Fourth round

FA Cup

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FA VASE: Fourth round replays: Bamber Bridge 1, Brigg 0; Evesham 0, Hythe 0 (abendoned at half-time).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Pramier division:
Bognor 2, Staines 2: Bromley 0, Wolong 2.
Carshalton 2, Grays 1 Chesham 2.
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Hayes 0, St Albans 1: Hendon 0, Sutton
Utd 9' Kingatonian 2, Blashop's Stortford
3; Wokingfurm 0, Windsor and Efon 1
First division: Barking 0, Harlow 1,
Chalfont St Peter 2. Yeaching 4, Dulwich 3
Dorking 4: Heybindge Swifts 1, Wertholey
3, Maldernhead Utd 0, Croydon 1: Molesey
2, Toolting and Mitcham 1: Stevenage
8, Crough 5, Aveley 0, Whytelesefe 0, Watton and Hersham 3 Second division:
Barkhamsted 1, Leastherhead 0, Hearfield
5, Southwick 2: Lewes 1 Purfleet 3,
Malden Vale 4, Egham 1, Newbury 3,
Worthing 3, Metropolitan Poice 9, Thirl
Givision: Camberley 0, Hampton 1,
Feitham and Hourstow Borough 3,
Clapton 2, Tilbury 1, Petersfield 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division; Ashton Utd 1, Great Harwood 2; Nantysch 1, Afherien LR 0; Prescot 1, Fixton 1.

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bangor City 2, Matiock 3: Droylsden 0, Morrocambe 1; Fleetwood 2. Leak 2; Hyde 1, Friciday 1; Marine 2. Gainsborough 1; Shepshed 0, Southport 1; Frst dilvision: Colwyn Bay 0 Netherheid 1, Curzon Ashton 2, Cangleton 0; Eastwood Town 1, Warner con 3; Lancaster City 2, Guseley 2, Newtown 0, Herrogete 5, Winsford 1, Alfreton 0; Workington 2, Fareley Celtic 2

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1 Chelmstord 2. Cambridge City 1, Worcester 1: Crawley 5. Gloucester 2: Deritord 1. Certy 5: Dorchester 1. Bromsgrove 2. Trowbridge 0. VS Rugby 1. Waterloowle 0. Moor Green 1: Southern division: Andowe 2. Sumhern 1: Beldock 1. Ashford 0: Fareham 3. Sudbury 2. Hestings 1. Buckingham 0. Havent 3. Braintree 0. Newport, IoW 0. Sitting-bourne 1. Mikand division: Lecoster Utd 0. Hadnestord 1: Newport AFC 3. Numeston Borough 2. Solibut Borough 1. King's Lynn 1: Stroud 2. RC Warvick 0 (abandoned at half-lime). Sutton Coldinated 2. Bedworth 6: Tammenth 0. Bridgnorth 0

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0. Porredown 6. Bengor 2. Betyclare Comredes 2. Cernok 0. Limbeld 1. Chitanville 1. Creagh 2. Destiller 1. Arts 1: Glensvon 0. Larne 1: Glentoran 1. Crusaders 0. Newry 2. Colerains 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION

Second division Third division

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ecclesivil 4, Winterton Rangers 4: Maltby MW 1. Sutton Town 1: North Shelds 7, North Famby 1; Ossett Town 1, Dengby 3 SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Car-shalton 1, West Wickham 1, Norsemen 1, Winchmore Hill 1, Old Esthamestre 0, Old Actorushe 0: Alexandra Park 3, Cit Selesens 1, Crouch End Vampres 1, Southgate Olympic 0; Ibs 2, Lloyds Bank 1; South Bank Poly 5, East Barnet O'3 0, Bank of England 1, Old Westhmater Cts 1, Old Latymenans 1, Merion 0, Regate Propy 1, Lensbury 3

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division Blyth Spertans 1, Seaham Red Star 2 Consent 2, Whitby 3; Ferryhill Athletic 2 Newcastle Blue Star 1, Gertha 3, South Benk 1 Langley Park, Welfare 9, Peterle Newtown 2; Whickham 1, Gurbborough 2

BRENTFRD (1) 1 PRESTON Evars 14 7.559 EXETER (1) 1 FULHAM Moren 45 (ptn) Brazil 64 CARDIFF (2) 4 CHESTRIPLD (3) Plate 25 S4 Dale 22 5, 131 Blake 90 CARLIBRE (6) 1 HALLIFAX (1) (0) 0 STOKE (1) 1 Russell 20 IY (1) 1 HUDDSFLD (0) 1 Onuors 88

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Fremior di-vision: Covadon 3, Walton 0, Evinore 1, Manghelleto 2, Europuth 1, Taunton 4, Lakaard Attlasoc 2 Minnhoad 3, Ottery Si Mary 0, Bristol Mascur Faren 3

SORIO GAES LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 1, Shelbourne 2 Bohemians 1, Denry City 2, Cors. City 2, Galwey Unit 1 Drogheds Unit 0, Bray Wanderers 1, Shermock Rovers 1, Dunclak 1: Ségo Rovers 0, St. Palnck's Athletic 0

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilden O. Barcelone 2, Español 2, Real Schedart () Real Mallerce O. Real Zaragoza 1, Real Traun Leasule Assistis I, Nigles I. Comonese 2, Gene 1, Florentine 2, Juventus D' Foggla 2, Internectorale 2, AC Milles 4, Acc Co. I, Parma 1, Lazzo C. Roma 1, Verona 0, Saropdoris 1, Caglian 1, Tonno 1, Ben 0, Leading positiona (after 16 matches) 1, AC Milles 31pts, 2, Juventus, 28, 3, Naples, 26

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FOOTBALL

Hereford's hopes are dismissed in deluge

Nottingham Forest 2

BY DENNIS SHAW

NOTTINGHAM Forest yesterday earned a fifth-round FA Cup the against Bristol City at home with a scoreline which could have been quadrupled without overstating their superiority.

Such was their domination of the fourth division opposition at City Ground that, in what became a monbionous 90 minutes, they had more than 20 scoring attempts. The fact that only two goals resulted was down to inadequate finishing rather than Hereford's resistance, courageous though it was.

It was only in the last attack, seconds before the end, that Sheringham netted Forest's second goal and confirmed their progress. This added to a 37th-minute diving header by Pearce which ought to have been the pre-lude to an avalanche.

Although Forest made such hard work of it there was no-likelihood of John Sillett, the Hereford manager, adding to his store of cherished FA Cup memories. In recalling his 1937 Wembley victory with Coventry Chy, he had placed heavy emphasis on his players

enjoying the day.
Yet, their only enjoyment
was derived from packing

their penalty area, denying shooting space to their opponents, marvelling at Forest's parody of missedchances and occasionally snaking out into

The fact that Pearce, the England full back, made the initial breakthrough was ap-propriate. His awesome sense of presence stood out as one ofthe tie's memorable features. As Woan's swerving centre curved in from the left, he threw himself forward to ram the ball in with his head.

In the 52 minutes that followed. Theodosiou and Devine were resolute central defenders and Elliott, deputising in goal, played a key part with his interventions. But their defensive work was flattered by Forest almost queueing up to miss chances.

Eventually, Black took his series of crosses well into double figures and Sheringham. having missed more than a handful of chances, deflected the ball home with his outstretched right instep.

"We could have been three or four down in the first 12 minutes," Sillett said. "I said to Brian Clough after the game, this is your year, go on

NOTTHESHAM FOREST: M Crossing G Charles (sub: G Crosby), 8 Penson, D Walter, D Wassani, R Kames, K. Sinci, 8 Gentrali, I. Giover, T Sterbrighers, I Woon, HERSFOYD UNITED: T Elect; 5 Michiges, G Downe, A Theotopiatou, 5 Devine, 8 Lounder, D Hell, S Brain, P Heritage, N Vaughan (sub: C Pry), M Wade. Reference D Accel.

Robson to end stay in Netherlands

not to renew Bobby Robson's ton, is expected to show a contract when it expires at the end of June looks likely to signal an early return to his native North East, where both Newcastie and Sunderested in obtaining his

Jacques Ruts, chairman of the Dutch champions, said that criticisms of the former England manager's performance since he joined the club were not the reason for the decision. PSV won the league title last season and currently lead the first division, but have performed poorly in the European Cup and Cup Winners Cup.

☐ The continuing uncertainty over Rick Parry's position as acting chief executive of the Premier League is likely to be resolved this week when a straw poll of the 22 clubs. carried out by Guy Askham,

PSV Eindhoven's decision the chairman of Southampmajority of clubs in favour of regularising appointment. 1,74%

Sir John Quimon, the resign if the issue was not sorted out.

Celtic have been drawn at home to Dundee United in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

DRAME Clyclebank v Hibernian, Morton v Mescoucheris Thirtie or Kitnerrock, Huntily v Avideorium, Poster Athelia in Dunismiline Athelia v Bt Mirren or Heart of Middelhian, Cellio v Dundes United, Pangers v Ayr United or Mothenwell, Falkrik v Dundes or Stirling Albien. Inverness Dundes or Stirling Albion, Inverses

DAKAR -- Ivory Coast won the African Nations Cup yesterday, beating Ghana 11-10 on penalties in the final. (Agency).

YACHTING

Shot fired across Davis's bows

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL

NEW Zealand, Italy, Japan and Spain opened their ac-count in the America's Cup challenger trials on Saturday with convincing wins, but the lawyers also got in on the act, with the first resent to the using this first round to test the legality of the bowsprit carried on New Zealand.

The fixture, which pro-rudes a mere forward of the bows, was not itself at issue;

it was the way Rod Davis on New Zealand was using it that led Marc Pajot and his French crew aboard Ville de Paris to hoist their red protest flag. On all the other yachts:

crews are struggling with lengthy spinnaker poles, first disconnecting the giant asymmetrical gennaker sails, then pulling the poles inboard, before resetting the whole shooting match on the opposite side of the bow. It is a manoeuvre that, as every weekend sailor knows, can be fraught with difficulties. New Zealand's bowsprit overcomes all this. The crew

tack the gennaker to the outboard end, and when it comes to gybing they simply pull the sail round, just as if it were a genoa.

Several other syndicates had dismissed the idea because they believed it was illegal. "I don't think it should be allowed to be used when you are manoeuvring the sail," Pajot said. "Wrong," the international jury said. Providing the bowsprit does not protrude fur-ther than the spinnaker pole, the New Zealand gybing technique is legal, they ruled. The protest, the first rang-ing shot at a boat that many

believe is superior in these calm waters, will doubtless lead to a flurry of activity, as other teams, including the Americans, rush to follow the New Zealand lead.

In moves reminiscent of the controversy over New Zealand's unique glass-fibre challenger during 1987 Cup series, rival syndicates are now searching for any evi-dence to suggest that this latest yacht breaks other

New Zealand overcome a 22-second deficit at the first mark to overtake Pajot's Ville de France during the second beat and secure her first win. The Italians also came from behind to defeat Iain Mur ray's Spirit of Australia, but the most convincing performance of the day was given by the Japanese. They beat the Swedes by a massive margin of three and a half minutes in the fastest time round the 20-mile course. LOUIS VUITTON CHALLENGE TRIAL LOUIS VUTTTON CHALLENGE TRIALS: Race 1: Il Moro di Verenzoia (P. Osyard, II) bit Spirit oi Australia (P. Gitmour), 2rrin 22 sec; New Zealand (P. Davin) bit Ville de Paris (M. Pajot, Fr.) 0:55: Espans (P. Chrompson), 2:15; Pippon (C. Dictaon, Japan) bit Tre Kronor (G. Kranz, 30ve), 3:30. Defende triels: Delimit (B. Melgan) bit Jayhawsk (W. Koch), 1:59. Oversill pischings at end oi round robbit 1: Defiand, 8-0; 2; Stars and Stripse (D. Cornar) 3-3; 3, Jayhawsk, 0-8.

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Outside chance: Irina Privalova, of the Com monwealth of Independent States, sets a women's European indoor 200 metres record of 22.26sec in Lievin, France, on Saturday

ATHLETICS

Backley stresses stature with a new world record

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

PHIL Tufnell's action may have been a recent point of controversy in New Zealand but another Englishman won nothing but plaudits for his efforts on Saturday. Steve Backley, in sending the javelin soaring to 91.46 metres, became the first man to set a world record in New Zealand since Filbert Bavi's run for gold in the 1,500 metres in the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch in 1974.

Eighteen months ago Backley was the first to break 90 metres and now he is the first again. Confused? The curiosity was made possible by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) opening a new chapter in records last year, prohibiting the use of rough-surface jave-lins. In November, it was decided that Backley's 89.58 metres, set in Stockholm in July 1990, should be restored as the record because it was the longest throw with a smooth javelin, replacing

Seppo Raty's 96.96.

Backley's mark in Auckland surpassed his best even with a rough implement. After his failure in the Tokyo world championships, where he failed to reach the final, he returned to Britain to set a Commonwealth record of 91.36 metres, but here threw ten centimetres further.

"You talk about hearing the music of the event but I did not hear anything out there," Backley had said in Tokyo. And now? "It was loud and clear." Not that this was a big disco. The East Coast Bays stadium in Auckland is a club facility and only a couple of thousand were

They did not include television. So how was it on Grandstand? Only because Dave Stephens, an American thrower, decided after warming-up not to compete but to

film instead. Otherwise there would have been no footage. Backley had two throws just short of 90 metres before setting the record. In three previous competitions since arriving in New Zealand at the beginning of the month, his best throws had been 84

"It dawned on me that I was doing something wrong and, literally from one minute to the next, I could see what I had to do. It was the difference between five metres under the world record and two metres over it. It was just a case of me staying up tall."

Although he won the World Student Games title and set a Commonwealth record in separate appearances at Shef-field, Backley, aged 22, mea-sured last year on his world championship failure. Now that is out of his system

John Trower, Backley's coach, sees no turning back. It was in Auckland two years ago that Backley won the Commonwealth tule, using it as a springboard to two world records and European gold in the English summer that followed. He wintered in New Zealand last year as well but did not compete.

"We came here to do double periodisation: to compete, drop back into training and back out again," Trower said.
"Any double periodisation programme that goes to plan sees a five per cent improvement in performance in the second period. In 1990 Steve threw 86.02 metres at the Commonwealth Games and finished the season with 90.98. We are trying to replicate what happened in 1990. If he stays free of injury he is going to be absolutely impossible to be a " sible to beat."

Liz McColgan ran a personal best time of 1hr 07min lisec win the Tokyo halfmarathon yesterday.

STANDARDS Two-man **Britons** slip back

The British pair, Mark Tout and his brakeman, Lenny Paul, slipped back one place to finish sixth in the two-man bobsleigh event at the European Championship in

Konigssee yesterday. Sean Olsson and Eric Sekwalor won the gold medal in the FIBT Cup event in Cortina in the fastest times.

Jansen's record

Speed skating: The American, Dan Jansen, set a world record of 36.43sec in the 500 metres in Davos, shaving .02sec off a six-day-old mark skated by Uwe-Jens Mey, of Germany, on the same rink.

Pupil is crushed

Fencing: John Llewellyn. Britain's epèc coach, gave his best pupil a painful lesson to retain the national title. Llewellyn reached the final without losing a bout before crushing Mark Rance 5-1.

England soaked

Cricket: Rain dashed England's hopes in the women's World Cup at Christchurch against Australia.who were awarded the trophy after win-ning the preliminary round.

Bray goes through Real tennis: Chris Bray reached his first open championship final when he beat Julian Snow in the US Open

Auriol keeps ahead Motor rallying: The world champion, Juha Kankkunen. closed the gap on the Monte Carlo rally leader and Lancia team mate, Didier Auriol, before the Frenchman captured the third stage.

Holders go out

Bowls: Durham, the holders, were knocked out of the Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy at Gedling. They lost 107-104 to Hampshire.

HOCKEY

Thompson saves blushes

Welton

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OLD Loughtonians secured victory over Welton, from Hull, with only three minutes to spare in the Pizza Express London League match at Chigwell yesterday.

The home side could have had the game safely tucked away in the first half, during which they earned six short corners and two penalty strokes. Only one was converted.

Welton fought desperately to earn a point which would have eased their relegation worries, but their defence fi-

Old Loughtonians2 nally yielded under pressure. pushed the ball into goal. Old by the absence of its mainstay, Kevin Stamp, who stayed at home for personal reasons. Steve Moat, howev-

> er, held the defence together. Desperate tackling inside the circle led to the two penalty strokes against Welton. The first, conceded in the 22nd minute, was converted by Thompson; the second, taken by the same player five minutes later, was saved by

A minute before half-time Welton forced their first short corner which led to a scramble after Garner had saved from Zander. However, in the scramble that followed, Zander gained possession and

their earlier dominance without reward until a brilliant run on the right by Philpot, a substitute forward, set up the chance for Thompson to score the winner, much to the relief of the home supporters. Their inability to seize chances led to the club's elimination from the Hockey As-

sociation Cup on the previous

day, when they lost 2-0 to

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mind off the pain WHAT a difference a goal-

Victory takes Rose's

keeper makes (Alix Ramsay writes). On Saturday. Ipswich had to rely on the resilience of Hilary Rose, who played on despite suffering from a suspected broken jaw.

Rose at least had the knowledge of a 2-1 victory over Sutton Coldfield to take her mind off the pain. The win kept Ipswich in touch with the Typhoo National League leaders and means the title race could be decided when they take on the champions, Slough, next month.

Things had not looked too promising when Sutton Coldfield took the lead with only three minutes gone, as Lisa Bayliss cracked in a penalty corner. But Ipswich showed they were made of sterner stuff, equalising almost immediately through Karen Larbey.

Rose was felled by a flying stick 15 minutes from time but, with a little help from the first aid box and a great deal of courage, she stayed put to see Sarah Bamfield score the winner after 59 minutes, working a good move with Sandie Lister.

lpswich's two rivals, Slough and Leicester, both won: Slough easing past Doncaster 2-0. Leicester surviving a scare to bear Wimbledon 3-2.

FOR THE RECORD

KELVIN HALL, Glasgow: Socitish indoor champlontships: Winners: Merc Stru: E Burney (Caledon Park), 6.88sec. 200m: S Warmers (Tharmes Valley), 2148 400m: G Hodges (Ethiburgh SPC), 49.57 800m: D Sherpe (Jerrow and Hebburg), 100m: 53.34sec. 1,500m: D English (Hervering), 4.00.00. 3,000m: D English (Hervering), 4.00.00. 3,000m: D English (Hervering), 4.00.00. 3,000m: D English (Hervering), 4.000m: 4.000m: Garney (Cardonslang), 8.13 81. 80m: hundles: N Wisiter (Cardit), 7.67sec. Polis sunit: A Graig (Falicht), 4.80m. Longump: M Porsythe (Harrispe), 100. 110g/mm; M Cardons (Bale), 23.00. 400m: G Michiye (Cây of Glasgow), 58.44. 800m: J Steenst (Cây of Glasgow), ATHLETICS

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BASKETBALL. NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-Strate: Bury Lobds 88 (Holley 31, Spencer 19), Lecester Riders 93 (Brown 18; Waldron 16): Derzy Bucks 55 (HSI 17, Mahar 12),

Kingston 94 (Saunders 31, Irien 13);
Doncaster Eugles 65 (Odlan; 18, Merrifeld 19), Trumes Veiley Tigers 102, Pead 21, Lloyd 21); Worthing Bears 108 (Space 23, Heron 20), Eurningsem Bullets 73 (Koretz 33, Samres 15).
CARL SBERG LEAGUE: First, division: Chestries Jets 76 (Garcher 18, Nuttell 15), Sundertend Seints 76 (Dougles 25, Nottage 17). Third division: Lelcester Fredom 49; London YMCA 70, Phonotics 58; Sherifeld 61, Northampton 53.
NATIONAL TROPHY: Culenter-tends, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Phoenix Suns 100, Beaton Califors 93: Claveland Cavaliars 104, Indians Paces 102, New Jersey, Nets 123, Meani Heat 117; Orlando Magic 121. Dallas Marvericks 103; Philadelphia Flara 119, Mirraesola Timberwolves 86; Chicago Bulls 117, Dertort Patons 85; San Antonio Spurg-115, Mitwaukee Bucies 85; Portland 11rd Blazzers 125, Adams Hewkn 117; Lorando Magic 121. Dallas Marvericks 103; Philadelphia Flara 119, Mirraesola Timberwolves 86; Chicago Bulls 117, Dertort Patons 85; San Antonio Spurg-115, Mitwaukee Bucies 85; Portland 110, Deltas Hasses 55, Sacramento Kings 92; New York, Knicks 114, Golden State Warnors 103, Sansaray: Cheriotte Hornets 107, Indians Pacess 105; Marri Hest 113, Deltas Marvericks 101; Orlando Magic 99, Cleveland Cavaliers 98; Philadelphia 75ers 115, New Jersey Nets 98; Philadelphia 75ers 115, New Jersey Nets 98; Philadelphia 75ers 115, New Jersey Nets 98; Philadelphia 75ers 115; New Jersey N

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WEA featherweight chempionship: Park Yung-kyun (S. Kor., holder) ko Selji Asakawa (Japan), 9th md. BOWLS MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TRO-PHY: Quarter-firate: Devon 108, Essex 107, Hampehre 107, Durhem 104; Kent 124, Dorsen 102; Cumbris 124; Saffott 105; Semi-finele: Cumbris v Devon; Kent

BOXING.

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CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: West-ent Australia 357 (M R J Veletia 98, W S Andrews 98) and 58-5 (A I C Dodernalde 326; Victoria 308 (D S Lehmann 148).
CUPR-HE CUP: Johannesburg: Orange Free State 329 and 138 (3 Jacobs 5-28); Transveal 258 (C E B Rice 33) and 25-0.
Cape Town: Western Province 335 and 30-3 (5 J Base 3-2); Border 155 (M W Pringle 6-42) and 218. Western Province von by seven wicksts. Verwoerdburg: Nestel 143 and 272 (J N Rhodes 132); Northern Tessevel 207 (M Yechad 35) and 121-9.
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AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Dulcar, Suppose: Third, place play-off: Nigeris 2, Cameroon 1. Final: Ivary Coast 0, Ghane 0 (vory Coast 4/n 11-10 on pene) INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: United iNTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Limited States D. Commonwealth of Independent States 1 (in Mainly: Acadesis (), Seeden D (in Sydney).

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First division: Bromley 3, Lyone 0: East Greatead 2, Trojans 2, Havand 3, Bournville 0; Hounetow 4, Carmock 3, Old Loughtonens 2, Werton 1, St. Abans 2, Southglate 3: Slough 2, Neston 1; Stourport 1, Indian Gymdrame 0 (abandonad), Teddington 1, Frebrands 1 Second division: Bertond Tigers 3, Reading 1; Bournemouth 2, Formby 1; Chelmeford 8, Wakefield 1: Doncaster 0, Canterbury 2; Gore Court 3, Brean 3; Guisford 7, Cambridge Chy 2; Harborne 3, Cheltanham 0; Inca 1, Warmgton 2; Richandod 1, Surbton 3, MORWICCH LINION EAST LEAGUE Ford 0, Ipsweb 4. MORWICH LINCON EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashtord 3, Bognor 2: Chuchester 1, Fareham 0: High Wycombe 1, O-fond hisvis 2, Mardon Russets 2, O Mid-Wingiffums 1: Old Sorderlans 2, Turbridge Welle 3, Old Tauntorsans 1, Esstods 3; Working 2, Winchester 0, Worthing 1, Starses 2: Regionels; Hampshire and Survey: Basingstoke 3, NatWest Bank 1: City of Portamouth 5, Met Police 0, Flees 1, Bannes 1, Kept and Sussect: Eastbourne 0, Lewes 4: Henne Bay 0, Tharnes Poly 1, Horsteans 1, Crowborough 0: Lloyds Bank 3, Gravesend 2, Old Becontendens 0, Burnt Ash 0, Old Hotomblans 2, Mid-Sussex 2, Tonbridge 4, McCland Bank 1, Middlesen, Barks and Oxotz Ayleabury 3, Southprite Adel 2: Rengharis 1, Mid Hill 0, Harvell 2, Better America 2, Presson 0, Brooklands 2; ERNST AND YOUNG MORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Hightown Northwin 5, Adeleys Edge 2; Presson 0, Brooklands 2; ERNST AND YOUNG MORTH WEST LEAGUE: Frest division: Chertham Hill 0, Prescot 2; Marchester 2, Chester 2, One 3 Strate America 2, Butter 1, Bannes 1, West Derby 1, Manchester 2, Chester 2, One 3 Strate America 2, Doncaster 2, One 3 Strate America 2, Doncaster 2, Chester 3, Windbledon 2, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Vale and South Glos 0, Ealing 10 Second division: Ernschnel 2, Branchedon 3, Wester 10, Branchedon 3, Branchedon 3, Wester 11, Casac 1), IDSWICH 4.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL

outhampton v Manchester Utd. GM Vauxhall Conference Wycombe v Famborough HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Guiseley v Morecambe, Premier division; Embey v Accompton Stanley First di-vision: Curzen Ashton v Knowsley

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TERDITORIAL LEAGUES: Rest: Basichariptoelli O. Redorridge 1. Centerbury 1, Blueharts 2. Serecene 3. Anchoriens 1; Sevenoellis 2. Blury St. Edmunds D. Welwyn Gerden City 2. Copdroit 1. North Sunderland Bedana 7, Wallefeld 2. Cariste 1. J. Care 0; Great Harwood 2. Cariste 1. J. Care 0; Great Harwood 2. Chester-CO D. Novecasile 0, Pointon 4, Omskirk Ford 4. Crusby 1 South: Eastcote 0 Tropins 2: Southempton 2. Winchester 2; Winchmore Hill 1, Sunbury 1: Wouting 2. Reading 3. Worthing 0. Cheem 0.

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MATIONAL LEAGUE (NNL): Friday: New Jersey Devis 5, Washington Cepitale 2; Colgary Ricense 3, Sar Jose Stissks 2, Saturday: Buffate Sabres 4, Montreal Caradients 3, Boston Brunts 4, Harriard Whaters 4 (OT) Checago Blackhawite 2, Minnesote North Starce 0- Prissoungh Penguans 5, New York Ishardens 3, Oueder Northques 2, Winnesot Jette 1; Datont Red Wings 7, New Jersey Devis 0; Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Philadelpha Flyers 4, Vancquiver Caracias 1, St Louis Buss 0 (OT). Los Angeles Angs 4, Calgary Flesses 3, San Jone Sharks 5, Edmonton Ollers 2

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NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBRIATION:
Luter v OFR Mithell v Reading (2 00).
West Ham v Wartord (2 00)
CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE:
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THE SPORT

MONDAY JANUARY 27 1992

Cottee's penalty miss proves crucial as Everton exit from FA Cup at Stamford Bridge

Allen strikes to cheer Chelsea

By STUART JONES

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE capital's wandering minstrel has brought to an FA Cup. Clive Allen, repre-senting his fifth London club, yesterday used his undiminished sense of opportunism to lift them over a profound psychological barrier and into the last 16 for the first

time in a decade. Throughout his career, which opened at Queen's Park Rangers 14 years ago, Allen has been known as a natural but idle goal-scorer and his reputation was mirrored in his contribution at Stamford Bridge. For 70 minutes, he was the most anonymous figure in a fourth-round tie staged on a pock-marked surface.

Then he struck with decisive precision. A free kick, floated in by Dennis Wise, was headed to him inadvertently by Peter Beagrie and for Allen, who had been executing volleys in training all as he neatly dissected the gap between Neville Southall and

the near post.
Thus, he maintained his record of scoring in every home game since moving south from Manchester City but Chelsea's sequence of frustration might not have been broken. They had to rely on Tony Cottee, whose price was eight times greater than Allen's, missing not only the clearest opportunity but also

later a penalty.
His misses effectively ended
Everton's season almost four months prematurely and Howard Kendali was left to reflect on the damage inflicted by the forward he himself selected irregularly when he was in charge at Maine Road. "I'll never forgive Peter Reid [his successor at Manchester City| for selling "That was a bargain." The cost was a mere £250,000 and it has stirred the enthusiasm of Allen, whose cumulative transfers amount to £6 million. He revealed that he had been "as nervous as anyone before the kick-off. The adrenalin was pumping."

The nervous tension was evident throughout an undistinguished first half notable only for the runs of Le Saux. Everybody else, including even Beardsley, found the div-



Acrial strike: Clive Allen, of Chelsea, who scored the only goal, puts the Everton defence on the alert in the teams' FA Cup tie

ots all over the pitch as much of an obstacle as the opposition. There was, consequently, no rhythm, no pattern.

Hall and Jackson had been cautioned for hefty challenges before Chelsea fashioned their first genuine opening. That was not until the 54th minute and Allen was denied then by Southall, who grabbed at the second attempt Dixon's shot from an acute angle.

Everton's creative instincts were not seen until after the hour but they should have taken the lead. Cottee, released by Ward's throughball and Hall's momentary slip, illustrated a painful lack of belief in his own ability as he allowed Hitchcock to deflect his drive.

In view of his diffidence, it was curious, and indeed fate-

ful, that he should subsequently take the penalty, awarded in the eightieth minute after Cheisea's goalkeeper had felled Beagrie. Cottee's attempt, though powerful, was directed too closely to Hitchcock and it

was smothered with ease. Cottee's miss meant the glory was instead bestowed Wembley for Rangers in the 1982 final and for Tottenham Hotspur five years later. "He is lethal inside the box,"

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Stuart 84 (Hell)

Scorers: Allen 72

Bookings: Hell 33

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Ian Porterfield, Chelsea's manager, said, "and that was a classic goal. We are lucky that he has settled in so

Before claiming his seventh goal in a dozen games for his new club, Allen revealed that he had been given the greatthwards the dressing-mom upon Allen, who appeared at before the kick-off, he bumped into his former manager. "Don't do it to us to-day." Kendall said. "will

Jackson 47

Warzycha 77 (Nevin)

Forest favoured in FA Cup draw

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE FA Cup remains the one domestic trophy to clude Brian Clough but after the fifth round draw yesterday Nottingham Forest are the only first division side certain of their opposition. Clough will be confident of clinching a quarter-final place after being handed a home tie with second division Bristol City. Forest were beaten in the final last season by Totten-

ham Hotspur. The other seven ties offered all sorts of possibilities, with 26 clubs still involved in the draw. Bolton Wanderers, four times winners of the Cup, are set for a repeat of the 1958 final providing Manchester United come through tonight's fourth

round tie at Southampton. Cheisea's reward for eliminating Everton will be a visit from the winners of the Sheffield United-Charlton Athletic replay and Norwich City could be the third division one team at home. If they oust Millwall they will receive Notis County or Blackburn Rovers. Wrexham, the fourth division side, were out of luck. After beating Arsenal and holding West Ham to a 2-2 draw at Upton Park on Saturday, their reward for winning the replay would be a trip to Oxford United or

Fifth round draw

Swindon Town v Darby County or Auton Villa.
Norwich City or Millsell v Hottle County or Blackdown Rovers.
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Swindon Town will be hoping for a lucrative visit from Aston Villa - providing Ron Atkinson's team win a delayed fourth-round tie against Derby County. Portsmouth await Sheffield Wednesday of Middlesbrough. Ipswich or Bournemouth will play host to Liverpool, providing the Merseysiders survive their de-

layed trip to Bristol Rovers. Allyco. CTD 10 BFISION KOVETS.
FOURTH ROUND: Rearranged detective 4: Bristol Rowers v Liverpoot; Notice County v Blackburn. Feb 5: Derby v Aston Viller, Ipewich v Bournamouth; Norwich v Mitwell; Oxford v Sunderland. Replayer-Feb 4: Windowsky v Michaelmouth. Feb 5: Senial Lind v Charles.
BETTING (William Hill): 7-2: Manchester United. 4-1: Liverpool. 5-1: Nottingham Forset, 7-1: Challen, 10-1: Aston Ville. 11-1: Shaffled Wednesdey. 38-1: Norwich. 500-1: Wresten.

Superpower restructures for Olympics

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

the Kremlin on Saurday, Boris Yeltsin, the president of Russia, and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), agreed on the restructuring of the world's foremost Olympic nation. Yeltsin thereby achieved valuable prestige for the Rus-sian - republic, and Samaranch, in one of his most adroit moves, the stabil-

ity of this year's Games.
Thus was marked the end of one remarkable sporting era and the uncertain beginning of another. Never again shall we hear that heavily melodious Soviet anthem.

The two leaders collaborated to ensure a combined term of the 12 independent repub-lics — the Baltic States already having separately recognised National Olympic Committees (NOCs) — would be sent to the Winter Games. starting next week, and the Summer Games, in Barcelona and for provisional recognition of 12 - new NOCs, conditional upon acceptance of a combined team. Equipe Unifiée (EUN).

I am a man of sport, and during my presidency I will do my best to bein sport in a," Yeltsin, a former volleyball player, said at the end of talks that have helped preserve the quality of this year's Olympic events amid post-USSR political turmoil.

A single problem remains.

At a subsequent separate meeting with the leaders of the unofficial NOCs of Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Kasakhastan and Uzbekhistan, Valeryi Borzov, the former Olympic sprint gold medal winner, strongly requested an independent. Ukraine team for Barcelona. Bozzov privately agrees to the unified team but is under political pressure from Leonid Kravcink, the

president of the Ukraine. Why can you not treat us equally with Croatia and Slovenia? Borzov asked, the for-mer Yugoslav states having been given emergency recognition ten days ago to enable participation in the Winter Games. "Because the prob-iems are not equal." Samaranch answered. With Yugoslavia torn by war, the normal formal procedure had not been possible, he said.

The agreement by Russia to a unified team for this year was fundamental." Same-ranch said. "Without Yeltsin's support, for this, all the other republics would have wanted separate teams, and the organising team in Barcelona could not have handled the logistics of this sudden increase of nations."

Winter Games, Albertville: A united team, EUN. Olympic flag and anthem for team and individual gold medal winners, the republic name of individual winners to be announced. The name

and flag of the respective republic to be carried on the arm of the competitors' uniform.

Summer Games, Barcelona: EUN team. Olympic flag and anthem for team gold medal winners. Republic flag and enthem

for individual gold medal winners.

☐ Recognition of 12 new NOCs from 1993, dependent on acceptance of the conditions as above, and for other important

sports events this year.

If transformation of USSR NOC to become Russian republic NOC (similar to the United Nations transfer).

Vitaly Smirrov, the senior IOC member from USSR, to transfer to Russian republic and to be NOC president. No decision on the ISSO mamber Maret Gramov, former-minister of sport.

Following the final dissolution of all former USSR structures next week the heads of state of the 12 republics will meet in Kiev, the Ukraine capital, on February 14. If Kravehuk does not then, coincidentally, accept the com-monsense of the EUN agreement, there will be a last chance at the meeting of pres-idents of the 12 NOCs, prior to recognition at Lausanne on March 9. If Ukraine do not accept the terms, their NOC

will not be recognised. Sergey Bubka, Ukraine's record-breaking pole vault. Olympic champion, could still be selected by the BUN team, for example.

The politicians are wanting to hear their anthem,". Alexander Ramer, the editor of Moscow's Olympic Pan-orama and the official Russian/Spanish translator for the Yeltsin/Samaranch discussion, observed wryly afterwards. A key figure on Saturday was Shamil Tarpischev, the president of the Russian Tennis Federation and recently appointed as Yelssin's personal counsellor on sport. Francois Carrand, companied Samaranch.

"The openness and speed of the agreement was quite untypical of Russian tradition. Alexander Kozlovsky, a vice-president of the former USSR NOC, said. "It was clear that Yeltsin recognises the prestige of having an IOC vice-president. Vitaly Smirnov, as president of the Russian NOC."

Vladimir Vasin, the acting resident of the Russian NOC, had made a press statement last week presumptuously saying that we will have to consider the election of new IOC members, misunderstanding the preroga-tive of the IOC in this matter.

In fact, Smirnov and his committee that transfers en bloc from USSR to Russia decided on Friday that the EUN flag at the Albertville opening ceremony will be car-ried by Igor Zheiczovsky, the Beiorussian world champion speed skater.

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If Samaranch had cleverly negotiated a formula for the 1992 Games, the agreement with Yelisin to transfer the USSR NOC with its staff of 30 to new Russian offices was even more significant. Samaranch thereby not only protected the position of Smirnov, one of his most experienced IOC members, but effectively raised the status of the NOC above the former level of the sports ministry.

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At Stamford Bridge. Att: 21,152. Ref: K Hacker FA Cup record v Everton: P6, W4, D0, L2, For 7, Agst 2

CHELSEA (4-4-2) although Cheseas and surprising superiority was not surprising against the small front line Howard Kendall had picked. This also allowed the home team to lonce

Rodber retained as England told to shape up

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TIM Rodber, Northampton's No. 8, retains his place in the England team which will play Ireland in the five nations' championship at Twickenham on Saturday. But the team as a whole has been told that another performance of such limited quality as during the first half of the match with Scotland could provoke change.

The same match party of 2) that defended the Calcutta Cup was named yesterday by Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, with Dean Richards - who replaced Rodber to such telling effect during the 25-7 win at Marrayfield - remaining in the replacements.

It will be Peter Winterbottom's fiftieth appearance at flanker, and he becomes only the second England player to reach that mark, after Rory Underwood

did so during the World Cup. The Rodber v Richards debate was. I imagine, more in the eye of the beholder than in the minds of the team management. Richards believes so. The Leicester player admitted after training at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday that the team named



Rodber: No. 8 berth

against the Scots should have the chance to play together However, the Irish, who

have problems enough of their own, will doubtless be relieved that the man who did so much to discomfort them last season is not present.

'Having looked at our options we decided we were not going to change for this game." Cooke said. "But it has been made very clear to the players that they can't afford another performance - or lack of it - like that in the first 40 minutes against Scotland.

"The biggest concern was that we played so poorly in what have been areas of strength, the scrum and fineout. No one can remember an English scrum being pushed over their own line like that, and the forwards are highly embarrassed about it."

It was debate over an absence of concentration which took up much of a morning's

training yesterday. The session was longer than usual since so few of the players had been active on Saturday, although Harlequins, like Wasps, whom they should have met in a Pilkington Cup tie, trained on their own pitch after the tie was postponed...

Jonathan Webb, the Bath full back, did not complete. training after turning an ankle, but his fitness for the international is not in doubt. Cooke hinted at a reaction

from the World Cup. "The players weren't sufficiently switched on and we have to find ways of putting that right," he said. "So they have to be given the chance to prove that they can,"

Rodber has recovered fully from the blow to the head which forced him off at Murrayfield, although he will have a further check, probably on Wednesday.

disciplined performance in a formight. The Welsh-

against Ireland. Wade man, who handled the World Dooley, the lock who was twice guilty of dangerous play against the Scots, had been spoken to on the subject, though Cooke said: "You have to put these things into context, but we were concerned about the lack of discipline in certain areas, some of which were penalised and some were not. The level of penalties against us was unacceptable and so was the level of discipline."

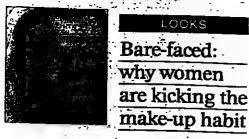
Jim Staples, the London Irish full back is rated at no better than 50-50 to play at Twickenham. A back injury limited his involvement in Ireland's training at Lansdowne Road and Colin Wilkinson, the uncapped Malone full back, stands by. Wilkinson is due to play in the B international on Friday, for which England's team will be

announced today. The manager also under Derek Bevan will referee lined his desire for a more England for the second time Derek Bevan will referee

Cup final and the Calcutta Cup match, replaces Clive Norting, who has not recovered from a severe attack of

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EDUCATION Kenneth Clarke's vision of classroom common sense

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Major's middlebrow masterclass

hen preparing for Desert Island Discs. the canny politician surely ought to take a masterclass from that great soprano Dame Elisabeth Schwarzkopf Remember her choice of eight records? Neither do. L. But what, most Radio 4 histeners recall is that they were (all but one) recordings

What a superbly focused mind! And what devilish curning. By climinating to much of the subject she offered no bostages to the amateur psychologists, no bizarre quirk of taste whose murky origins might become the subject of voyeuristic speculation. Not for her the "this is the song the band was playing when my first boy-friend kissed me" approach. Nothing, in fact, to distract listeners from rapt contemplation of the Schwarzkopfian career.

If only our politicians could ascend to this glorious platean of singlemindedness, what Desert Island Discs there might be. Neil Kinnock would have played his immortal arioso con molto blustero, The Harrowing of Militant", instead of John Lennon's dreary. "Imagine". .: Margaret. Thatcher might have given us a snatch of her scintillating Handelian coloratura, "Rejoice, rejoice", instead of the Grand March from Aida. And James Callaghan would have riposted with his equally audacious and touching

swan-song "Crisis, what crisis?". In his turn, John Major yesterday would have put together a medley of his most celebrated solo numbers. Throughout the land, pulses would have raced once more upon hearing those rolling Churchillian cadences: "considerably more optimistic", "economic convergence", "oh yes".

The prime minister's choice of **Desert Island Discs** has subtle political resonances. Richard Morrison picks them up

Politicians have generally been disappointingly modest about playing their own hits on Desert Island Discs. If there is one lesson to be learnt from a perusal of our present and former prime ministers' musical choices, it is this: you solid, middle-brow, middle-of-theroad, middle aged mainstream

music: that is what wins elections. There has however, been a brilliant exception to this modest procession: Edward Heath, His choice included the London Symphony Orchestra performing Elgar's Cockaigne Overture conducted by himself.

At the time, this seemed a little pushy. But Mr Heath was issuing a clarion-call to the nation, as stirring as anything in Henry V. The whole story is told in his seminal book, Music: A Joy for Life: "As Prime Minister, I wanted the British to regain their former pride and ebullience ... perhaps the right performance of Cockaigne could show the way."

That may show the importance of music in political life, but how far is political life an integral part of musical choice? Of course Mr Major selected his record sincerely he confessed to having started with 80, not eight. Most desert islanders admit to having pondered their choice for months of sleepless nights. But it is impossible not to review Mr Major's culturally banal list and at least see lighthearted political significance in each and every record. What clarion-call to the nation can realistically be deduced from the. We may pass quickly over "The Best is Yet to Come" sung by Sinatra, a splendidly symbolic piece of electioneering. Rhapsody in Blue shows the sporting Major. Gershwin's marvellous musical portrait of a conference of Tory women applauding the entry of the young Michael Heseltine. And after that comes the serious vote

winning music. First there is the appeal to youth, with "The Happening": a hit for Diana Ross and The Supremes as recently as 1967. A prime minister who certainly knows how to swing. Grey? No way, Jose.

Then the inevitable appeal to party loyalty and patriotic instinct. set to the strains of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March, Tory anthem since modern politics began, and now surely a rather weary incantation to the faithful. And just to emphasise the "ordinary bloke enjoying his pint and

MAJOR'S CHOICE

John Major

"The Best is Yet to Come", sung by Frank Sinatra Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue The Happening" — Diana Ross and The Supremes Mad scene from Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance John Arlott's commentary on

Bradman's last Test innings (1948)Adams's "The Holy City" sung by June Bronhill Popper's Elfentanz played by Rostropovich

his cricket" image, John Arlott's commentary on Don Bradman's last innings in England is also included.

Stephen Adams's stirring Victorian parlour-song "The Holy City" nods in the direction of Christianity, while the choice of a cello piece by an obscure 19thcentury Czech composer will reassure the arts lobby that our leader is (as Shirley Bassey sings in "Big Spender") "a man of distinction . . . so refined".

But what of the Mad Scene from Lucia di Lammermoor, that demented passage of scales and trills for operatic soprano and a lone flute? Is this the bizarre, inexplicable choice for which we amateur psychologists have been waiting? Alas, the answer is touchingly mundane, a graceful compli-ment from John to Norma. She is the biographer of the soprano Joan Sutherland, who is the most famous exponent of the Mad Scene. So with this choice, the prime minister emerges as a loving family man.

In Tory central office today they will be well pleased with Desert Island Discs. Mr Major's performance is no more calculating than any previous political castaway. Kinnock chose to reinforce his family credentials by playing a tape of his two-year-old daughter singing "Horace the Horse". Moreover (and here I must pause to wipe a tear from my eye) he said that, of all his eight records, "Horace the Horse" was the one

he would most want. Mrs Thatcher went to great pains to rebut the innuendo that she lacked a sense of humour. She chose Bob Newhart's classic comic monologue "Introducing Tobacco Civilisation". Remarkably,

when James Callaghan (who came later) wanted to show that he, too, enjoyed a good giggle, he also chose "Introducing Tobacco to Civilisation". Had Mrs Thatcher and Mr Callaghan discovered this mutual love of American stand-up comics earlier, who knows what course modern British politics might have taken? Middle-brow taste seems

prerequisite of of political success So wake up at the back of the class. Paddy Ashdown! Whatever came over you, choosing a concerto for two mandolins as one of your desert island discs? And a piece of Chinese folk music? Are you utterly determined to see the Liberal Democrats crushed? History should tell you that British leaders pick hymns (Thatcher. Callaghan, Heath, Douglas-Home) and brass band music (Thatcher, Callaghan) and the "New World" Symphony Symphony (Thatcher, Heath).

Mr Major chooses none of these; but then, he is a generation younger. His taste does not veer dangerously away from the mid-dle-brow; it is simply that the middle-brow has moved on. When Heath, Thatcher and Callaghan were in their salad days, middlebrow musical taste meant Your Hundred Best Tunes and Sunday Half-Hour. Now we have radio stations pumping out 1960s nostalgia and Pavarotti and "Nige" Kennedy.

With the unerring instinct of a born politician, John Major slips easily into this aural world. His cultural tastes are the tastes of ten million other British people. Nothing too fancy; nothing too jarring; nothing inaccessible. Consensus tastes, in fact. The boy will go far.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Alec Douglas-Home "Roaming in the Gloaming" "Alec Bedser Calypso, England vs Australia 1953'' Mozart's Magic Flute Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice I sit in the sun" from Salad Days Handel's Water Music Handel's Zadok the Priest "The Lord's my Shepherd" sung to Crimond

Edward Heath Vaughan Williams's A Sea Symphony Schubert's Piano Trio in B flat. Op 99 Trio from Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier

"If I were a rich man" from Fiddler on the Roof Elgar's Cockaigne Overture Prisoners' Chorus from Fidelio Dvořák's "New World" Symphony
"Hark the herald angels sing"

Harold Wilson has never been on Desert Island Discs

Waller's "I'm gonna sit right down and write myself a letter Chopin's Piano Nocturne in B flat Bob Newhart's "Introducing Tobacco to Civilisation' 'Jesu، lover of my soul' Canteloube's The Shepherd's Bach's Fourth Brandenburg

Concerto The day Thou gavest, Lord, is 'Sunser" played by the Royal

Margaret Thatcher Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto 'Going Home", based on Dvotak's "New World" Symphony Grand March from Verdi's Aida Bob Newhart's "Introducing Tobacco to Civilisation' Kern's "Smoke gets in your eyes" "Be not afraid" from Mendelssohn's Elijah Saint-Preux's Andante for

"Easter Hymn" from Mascagni's Cavalleria rusticana

Trumpet

Give me a place in the rat race — please

had a very hip. New Age GP once, who barangued me on the proper way for a woman in late pregnancy to carry on. "Try", he said, "to think peaceful happy thoughts. Listen to music and walk through the autumn leaves. The baby will feel it with you".

Clutching shiftily at my brief-case, I tried to tell him that personally I got my most peaceful happy thoughts when I had just cornered a good story, done the piece or the tape against time and seen it published ahead of the pack. "Wouldn't the baby enjoy that too?" I asked hopefully. "I'm sure a foctus would love the happy thoughts you get when you really screw the opposition and then go down to the pub." He couldn't see it: autumn leaves were firmly prescribed, and the strange empty stillness of a daytime house. The baby shared the boredom, and on emerging weeks later was mani-cally busy, eyes swivelling cagerly around for something to do, mobiles to swipe or milk to suck. It was programmed into him.

There is nothing mirinsically wrong with home life, or leaves. It was just that in his estimate of life's pleasures the doctor discounted one of the greatest. Work. More specifically, going to work. Man Gerald Ramer's prawn-sandwich the Hunter has always known the gag had circulated around his

clation of leaving the cave in the morning to join his hunting-pack (or factory, office, shop, commonroom). Never mind the boredom and hardship and exploitation: admit it there is pleasure in going to work.

And not just the pleasure of achieving the job you came to do. Nobody has ever actually written a bestseller on The Joy of Col-leagues, but there is such a joy. Why not? After all, comradeship is an easier thing, a looser garment, than anyone's family or love-life. It can be satisfying, even restrul, to spend the day conducting human encounters on the mere basis of logic, reasonable good nature and commercial honour without people bursting into tears and accusing you of not loving them. Even if they do, you can glance at your watch and invoke the higher good: say, morning conference, or a train to Cardiff.

Office jokes flourish: the best are black and bitter as truffles, and crop up at times of crisis. Right now the best occur inside Maxwell-hit companies ("they found the body, circling some sharks'}. The jokes have the added frisson of exclusivity, and rarely transplant to the outer world without disaster: Gerald Ramer's prawn-sandwich **WORKING LIFE** Libby Purves on the pleasures

of office life



incautiously let it out and dished

And there are tribal anecdotes in the police force which even wives and husbands at home find pretty hard to swallow. I once spent a convivial dinner sitting between a police surgeon and a deputy chief constable, and occasionally they forgot I was there and started reminiscing ("They never found the other head, did you know..." one would begin, and go on from there). In this century women have got

their feet under the office table and discovered that we like it 100. When mistresses and maids alike flooded into the factories and offices in the first world war they discovered the burden of dual responsibilities, but also the relief of allowing the tangled, tender, painful skein of family life to be spun for a while into the straightforward, cheerful thread of working in a team, whether as a Lady Typewriter or a tram conductress. Their granddaughters now are brought up to expect to contribute to the buzz and hum and lifegiving aggravation of communal working life, and often to run the joint: at least for part of their lives.

Perhaps this is a bad thing. Perhaps we should be inventing more original working structures: but the fact is that despite all the fuss about modems and telecommuting, the latest survey suggested that only a fraction of those

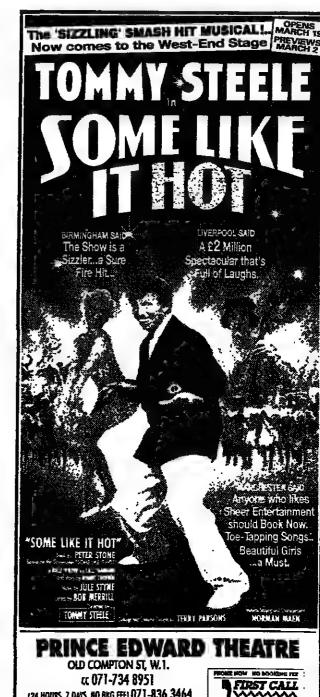
who could do it, want to. People working alone get depressed and lonely; the cat sneers, small snubs rankle, you starve for gossip. After all, even reps on the road develop cosy trade-fair friendships, and nannies gang up with other nannies in the park. And the commuters on an early Monday morning may look gloomy, but most of them would look gloomier still if the train turned back and delivered them into the muck and muddle of home. After the lonely flat and the complicated love life, the claustrophobia of babycare or the suburban sameness of a yellowing marriage it is good to plug into the

Few of us lack at least one ally when the boss is vile, the management batty, the pension scheme nicked and half your desk reallocated to a pushy little jerk. Sometimes those working alliances grow larger than the ones outside. Sometimes they spill out disas-trously. But on balance, they are

The poet Philip Larkin went to work all his life, and understood these things. He pretended to swagger free "Why should I let the toad Work squat on my life?". But he always knew that it was a friend:

When the lights come on at four At the end of another year Give me your arm, old Toad Help me down Cemetery Road".

TOMORROW Mid-life by Neil Lyndon



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2 REVIEWS

TALKING HEADS: Alan Bennett and TALKING HEADS: Alan Bennett and Patricia Routledge recreate some of the characters in Bernett's popular 88C television series, Talking Heads, in a series of three monologues: A Women of No Importance, A Lady of Letters and A Chip in the Sugar Opening right, Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SW1 (071-867 1045), 7pm

EXPLORATIONS: The London Sinforlietta's series continues with a programme which includes first British Mances of Detiev Glaceri's Mahler/Skizze, Op 20, Magnus Lindberg's Joy, John Gibson's Flights of Fancy and Rob Zudam's Dinamierno di cane al guzzgilo. The programms includes the London premiere of David Horne's Out of the Air, commissioned by the Michael Vyner Trust. Queen Elizabeth Half, South Benk.

London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pr ANDREA MANTEQNA: Since one of Mantegna's grandest works, the gra-series devoted to The Trumphs of Caesar, is part of the royal co London seems a logical place to bunch this first extensive retrospe of the painter for many years (it goes on to the Metropolitan, New York). Mantegna is unique among 15th-century kalian artists for the Impress he gives of passion only just held in

Royal Academy of Arts, Procedity, London W1 (071-439 7436) Daily, 10am-6pm, until April 5. Sponsored by Olivetti. THE PORTRAIT IN BRITISH AST: W some respects the portrait is the British art form per excellence, and naturally has figured prominently in the gifts and

BECKET: Rivering performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindeay in Anoush's play on the relationship between Thomas à Becket and Henry 8, Theatre Royal, Heymerket SW1 (071-330 8800) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed,

L) THE CATINET MINISTER: Dornk Name and Maureen upman in a snob-blah, largely unfurny Priero comedy Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sal, 7 45pm, mats Wed, 8at 3pm. 150mins.

☐ A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Old fashoned, unexciting version of Scrooge's big right out, Ron Pember adapted and plays the inser. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues, 2pm, Wed. 10 15em and 2pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7pm, Fri. 7pm, 3at, 230pm and 7pm 120mms. Final week.

DI DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian play, sel in 1930s Donegal. Gerrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Man-Sal, Bpm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sal, 4pm 180mins

☐ A DYBBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE: D A DYBBUK POR TWO PEOPLE: Bruce Myers, Comme laber play many roles in this Yiddish tale of the supernatural Accomplished, interes, Hempstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, Spin, mat Sat, 4pm 60mins. Final week.

AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at tentasies of a women merned to a socor nut. Duches, Calherine Street, WC≥ (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm and 8.46pm 130mms

■ THE GIGU CONCERT: Barry The Side Journal II berry Foster is obsessed with making an Insh milionairs (Tony Doyle) into the new Grig in Tom Murphy's powerful fable Almeida Afmacida Street, N1 (071-389 4404). Mon-Sai, 8pm, mat Sai, 4pm

M THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Descriptionally charmiess version of what could have been an inspiring

BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12):

onal, machine-tooled, old-

feahing and farce. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffshe, Patry Kenelt. Write theater, Mark Herman

chrector, Mark Herman. Carunons: Cheleas (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odec

(0428 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DRIVING ME CRAZY (12): Arrogent brat and working-class steplether-in-walung bettle for supremacy on a cross-country journey. Stale, unlikeby correcty from John Hughes. With Ed O'NeW, Ethen Randall.

Cannone: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Haymarket (071-839 1527)

JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electritying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy

sination, Kevin Costner as

supporting cast services of the services (071-858 8891) Camden Perkway (071-857 7034) Cannon Futham Road (071-972 8356) Empire (071-487 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-72 6705) MGM/Trocadeho (071

434 0031) Screen on the Green (071 226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

MA NUIT CHEZ MAUD (12) Eric

Rohmer's senous but seductive mot tale, made in 1969 With Jean-Loula Thingmant, Françoise Faben: plus much with talk about philosophy. Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Testy feast of black humour inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's mecabre carloons Starring Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Sarry Second 1981.

Sonnenfeld (1971-352 50%) MGM Cannon Chelses (071-352 50%) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Piezz (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

worshipping kid joins Dutch Schultz's gang in 1930s New York, Mulfied,

gang in 1930s New York, Mulfied, despolenting version of E.L. Doctorow's 1988 beet-selling novel Starring Dustin Hoffman, Loren Dean, director, Robert Benton Carnon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

A BILLY BATHGATE (15): Hero-

CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

Misteken identities in Venice.

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

and galleries through the years with the led of the National Art Collections Fund. This assembly of 65 works acquired in this way, ranging from Zoffeny to Sickert, shows an impreservely high quality in a substantial variety of styles and

approachés. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin Place, London WC2 (071-308 0055). Mon-Fri, 10em-5pm, Sat, 10em-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until February 9 RESOLUTION: The Place, London's

nesource is note: The resort Common is leading contemporary dance verture, continues its season of work by young companies willing to take on the challenge of promoting their work at their own risk. Tongth Catherine Williamore presents her physical theatre leaders Resource (See, See in which she piece Because / explores the disk use / Sey So, in which she e dislocated use of the weryday phrase William Third Estate Music and Dance. Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road. London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

GISELLE: The Royal Ballet revives GISELLE: The Hoyal Ballet reviews Peter Wright's production of one of the most femous beliefs of the Romantic era. First produced at the Pens Opera in 1841, the ballet tells the story of Glaelle, a goalde peasant ghi driven to her grave by the betrayal of her artstocratic lover. The glamorous

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

glimpse of classical indian theatrs. National (Cottestos), South Bank, SE1 (971-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7,30pm, mai Wed, 2,30pm, 205mins.

CI ONCE A CATHOLIC, Welcome return of Mary J. O'Mailey's romping comedy about convent girls growing up between nurs and teddy boys Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mst Sat, and 150 (1900).

I PAINTING CHURCHES: SMA Philips (excellent) and Leafe Philips as an elderly Boston couple, Jose Lawrence then artistic daughter in a quantity fouching lamity play Standouse. Northundered Avenue.

London WC2 (071-839 4401), Mon-Sat, Spm, mets Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins. ☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller; tun by Offenbach, Verdi and Waber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071 379 5399) Mon-Fn, 7,30pm, Sat, 6 30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set. 5pm 150mins.

THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's drapporntingly ons-sided pley where Tom Contil ergues the case for bigstry Wyndham's, Cherning Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1118) Mon-Sal, 7,30pm, mails Thurs, Sal, 2,30pm, 150mms.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-denoers what through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannot diaguase the five includ Duke. Globe, Shatlesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085) Mon-Fri, Spm. Set, 8:30pm, mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

ballenna Virginia Johnson, of the Dance Theatre of Harlem takes the leading role lonight, partnered by Zottan Solymosi. IODAY'S EVENTS Zeitan Solymosi. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), 8pm

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER: A new Stephen Sondhern compilation music opens in Oxford prior to its West End ed of euney base state) gregate ed), it is produced by the West End impresario Camero Mackintosh, producer of Les Misérables and Mes Saigon Julia Mckenzie directs, and designs for the set and costumes are by Jasper Conren. First night.
Old Fire Station, 40 George Street,
Oxford (0865 794494), 7-30pm.

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: The Royal Shakespeare Company in a touring production of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the Lactos novel about the sexual power Lacies noves about the sexual power games of the Partsian aristocracy in pre-ferodutionary France. Stephen Dobbin drects, sumpfuous 18th century designs by Bob Crowley Thastre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.45pm.

THE MISER: Tom Courterary brings his brand of dead-penicking contedy to Molitire's play, in this good-humoure production by Braham Murray, with a new translation by Robert Cogonew translotion by Robert Cogo-Fewcett. A strong cast includes Polly James. Following its premiere in Manchester in December, the play will tour until early April, with dates at Beth, Derington, Edinburgh and Chichester to follow Theatre Royal. 100 Grey Street, Newcastle (091-232 2061), 7.30pm.

DISPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS: Down memory lane with the songs of Vivan Ellis cleasantly English and all the lyrics are suitable King's Head Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1918) Tues-Sat. 8pm, mate Set. 3un. 3.30pm. 150mms.

Li A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pienists in likeable inforts to Cole Porter's wit and wry metodes Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9367) Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8-30pm, mate Wed, 2-30pm, Set, 5-30pm 140mms.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES LI A I PIRSO IE 10 17E BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies Good fun Whitehall, Whichall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mo-Thura, 8.15pm, Fri, Sal, 8.15pm and 9pm 120mins.

MIND IN THE WILLOWS: FHOUR of last year's hit version by Alen Bennett, withy and wonderful. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE t (071-928 2252) Tenight, 7 15pm

LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of

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Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972).

Slood Brothers: Phoenox (071-857 1044).

Buddy: Victoria Paleox (071-854 1317).

Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7816).

Cats: New Landon (071-405 0072).

Don't Drags for Dinner: Apolle (071-494 5070).

Ramed Moe; Lyric (071-494 5045).

Joseph and the Amazing Techni-IF SOME orchestral players are to be (071-494 5070) . El Five Guye
Named Moe: Lyrio (071-494 5043)

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5037) ... Me and My Girl: Adelphi
(071-436 7611) ... III Les Miserables:
Palace (071-434 0906) ... III Miss
Seiger: Theatre Royal, Drury Lene (071494 5400) ... II The Mousetrap:
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(071-494 5400) ... II Return to the
Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071379 5299) ... III Stright Express:
ApoRo Victora (071-828 8865)
I Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next
Generation: Ambersactors (071-836
5111) ... I The Woman in Black:
Forture (071-836 2236)
Tickel information supplied by Society believed, it does not make a blind bit of difference who is waving their arms out in front of them: the band simply gives its own performance. The claim scarcely bears scrutiny: if it were true, how could we identify the individuality of a Karajan, a Kleiber, a Rattle? Yet it came to mind last week at the Festival Hall, when the Philharmonia played Mahler's Ninth Symphony with Kurt Sanderling on the podium. This is an orchestra full of de-

Premiere (071-439 4470). LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Harm Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Milke Leigh's

choli, farcical, award-winning comedy about a North London family's upe and downs Starring Allson Staadman. Double-billed with Path-Rath

Valseuses. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0991). MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Inden

TOTO THE HERO (15) Jaunty aboutdist comedy about youth old age and life's disappointments from latented new Belgran director Jaco van Commer! With Michel Bouquet one of the writing's sudden lurches from good-natured bawdy to near-Thomas Godet Curzon Maytair (071-465 6865) melodramatic bitterness.

Fanning the embers



Front man: to all intents and purposes Mick Hucknall is Simply Red

CONCERTS --

Philharmonia/Sanderling

Royal Philharmonic

Ashkenazy

Festival Hall

pendable musicians - not least

among the principals - and one

which can turn in an accurate Mahler

symphony without too much trouble.

On this occasion, it was difficult to see

just what Sanderling was contribut-

ing, it was an essentially faceless

landscape that was painted, innocent

of the traumas and the ecstacies

seething just below the surface.

THEATRE

Sidewalk Sidney

Royal Exchange,

Manchester

RANDHI McWilliams's play won

second prize in the Mobil playwriting

competition, centred on the Royal

Exchange in the city with more

theatres than any in Britain outside

London. In an ideal world all our

regional companies would be produc-

ing new work. In the event, modified

rapture must greet this fluent, prolix

two-hander, slightly too much in love

with the sound of its own vocabulary.

written a radio play. This study of the

relationship between an old West

Indian immigrant and his British-

born grandson unfolds in slabs of

The potentially fascinating theme

neatly reverses stereotypes about the

casy-going older generation of Caribbeans and their militant off-

spring. It is grandpa whose genial

volubility overlies a numb distrust of

white society that has exploited his

sexuality, despised him professionally

and dismissed him as a non-person.

"I've been dead for so long my burial is well overdue," he acknowledges, in

verbosity, interspersed with fizzy exchanges when over-literate debate

ignites into genuine passion.

The trouble is that McWilliams has

Where, in the Rondo-Burleske, was

the bitter trony, the element of the grotesque? It was all too civilised: at

its most energetic, little more than a

As for the finale, that Adagio of

heart-stopping eloquence, Sander-

ling's horizontal elbows suggested

that he may have been conducting a

chapel choir, and with correspondingly anodyne results. The ago-

nisingly tortuous phrases and their underlying twists of harmony went

for nothing. The air of tranquillity at

the close of the work was impressively

sustained. Yet it scarcely felt earned: this did not seem like the end of an

Berlioz's sultry chromatic melodic

lines have a proto-Mahlerian quality.

as we were reminded the following

evening in the same hall, in the

London concert of the Royal Phil-

harmonic's whistle-stop European

Community tour. Here those lines

were moulded by a master craftsman.

Vladimir Ashkenazy, abetted by an

orchestra exhibiting little sign of the

exhaustion the players ought by rights

to have been suffering near the end of

their dash round all the EC capitals.

overture, the extremes of passion

reflected in the quicksilver melodies

hand, has a white girlfriend and a

best mate also white. His ambition is

to fit in and to do well on society's

terms; but underneath his anxiety to

conform there is a nagging fear that

peace and safety are not so easily

confrontations but falls into the trap

of over-articulation. Dominic refers to

his "hallowed place" as the "fatted

calf for burnt offering". Old Sidney

frequently directs his tirades sky-

wards, either to his dead wife or to

God, with whom he bargains for Do-

minic's life when the boy is injured in

racial violence. The latter scene, to an

accompaniment of thunder and light-

ning in a storm as theatrically opportune as in the last act of

Rigoletto, shows the contrived plot-

ting at its most melodramatic.
The tone is more convincing in

cheerful reminiscence and the whim-

sical euphemisms for sex and its

organs: resulting in nostalgia from

the old man, bewilderment from the

boy. "You've got blue seas and white

sands on your memory," cries Domi-nic, in the voice of the disinherited, or

the searcher who has yet to discover

first half-hour amounts to a mono-logue for the grandfather — James

Maxwell's production coaxes ener-

getic performances from the two

players by concentrating on the

claustrophobic relationship with only

the occasional hint of an outside

world. Eddie Osei combines power.

pathos and memory as Sidney. As the

Given the work's solid texture — the

what his inheritance is.

The writer excels at setting up

come by.

In Berlioz's Béatrice et Bénédict

Viennese knees-up.

epic spiritual journey.

ROCK -Simply Red Wembley Arena.

MUSICALLY they are poles apart. but it seems more than a coincidence that Simply Red's Stars should have been the UK's best selling album in the same year that Bryan Adams enjoyed such unprecedented success in the singles chart. Like Adams. Simply Red has been amply rewarded for abjuring the trend towards ever more shocking or spectacular presentation bolstered by ever greater hype. Instead both acts depend on straightforward musical manifestos for their appeal, albeit with one crucial difference: Adams would not be seen dead in the lurid brocade patchwork shirt and waistcoat ensemble that Mick Huckmall was sporting during the second half of the band's opening night at Wembley. For all intents and purposes, of

although there were pictures and profiles of all seven musicians (and two harmony vocalists) in the gorgeously produced programme, the stage was organised and lit for a solo performer plus backing band.

course, Hucknall is Simply Red, and

This was a long show, split into two halves, and to begin with Hucknall. paced himself with selections from the slower, more reflective side of the group's four-album catalogue. Some of the songs were illustrated with back projections, and an early treat was a

and harmonies were admirably nego-

nated by conductor and orchestra. A

pair of too-rarely performed songs by

the same composer, La Captive and

Zaide, were given equally seductive treatment by Jill Gomez the soprano.

In the first she was particularly alive

to the exoticisms of the setting, in turn

inspired by Victor Hugo's text from

Les Orientales, while Ashkenazy touched in the subtle colouring of the

Canteloube's orchestrations in his

Songs of the Auvergne may not be on

quite the same exalted level, but there

are many delightfully picturesque

effects - not least the twinkling stars

in "La delassado" - and all were

captured faithfully here. A radiant

stage presence, Gomez held us in her

spell with facial expression or bodily

stance, as in the poignant orchestral

introduction to the same song about

the forsaken girl.

In the familiar "Bailero" her captivating stage quality really made its mark. The dialogue of shepherd and shepherdess was recreated both

by vocal inflection and by minimal

body gesture, while the mood of longing tinged with melancholy was

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caught to perfection.

accompaniment.

slightly shaky version of "Your Mirror" during which grim urban landscapes were juxtaposed with scenes of nature's bounty.

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The contrast neatly illustrated a standard Simply Red ploy, which is to start a tune in a minor key with a brooding or menacing air and then resolve it in a wash of major chords to produce a comforting emotional conclusion. The group turned this trick with "More" and "A New Flame", and then added a dash of melancholy to the mix for the perennial "Holding Back the Years", which was the cire for a twinkling galaxy of stars to come out against a background of midnight blue.

The change in Hucknall since his sabbatical following Simply Red's 1990 tour was manifest. Slim, relaxed and poised, he looked and sounded like a man who has grown into the job. During the second half he loosened up as the band brought out the party treats: a long blow at the end of Money's Foo Tight (To Memion)", a spirited "The Right Thing" and a rather rushed "I Won't Feel Bad" Intelligently planned, and certainly

put across with sufficient flair to please the legions of Simply Red fans, it was still not a performance that would win many converts. Even allowing for the pretty waterfall of fireworks during the encore of "Something Got Me Started", it was a show which could be described as sparkling, but not incendiary.

DAVID SINCLAIR

RECITAL --

Lynton Atkinson Covent Garden

THE Royal Opera House Crush Bar at hinchime is a fine and private

seidom a cosy occasion. young singer as protege. The pro-gramme book, significantly, ends with the lines to book, please

The recital is also supposed to show Covent Garden's concern for the singer as all-round artist. To prove oneself in such solitary, intimate and continuous exposure is something else, as Lynton Atkinson revealed last Tuesday. The young tenor has, so far. equivalent of greasepaint and costurne, to say nothing of adrenalin, to

reach an audience through song.

This music can live, just about, at this level of emotional commitment Fauré cannot. The same immaculately groomed tenor traced its way with the purest of lines, but one longed for the full colour and substance of the original underneath. Debussy, too, was cerebrally sensitive, Poulence intellectually witty; but the fragrance of "Romance" and "Les cloches" was lacking, the elusive movement of true

The sheer ringing clarity and purity of vowel in Atkinson's voice makes it a most useful instrument in the Italian repertoire, and three songs by Respighi proved the point. But just as it was Atkinson's head alone which entered the waitz of "Invito alla danza", so the music's physicality in five popular Argentinian songs by Ginastera was kept at a cool distance. No use to mime a guitar with the hands unless its plucking is also heard in the head and heart.

place for a snug midday meeting. But the Young Arusts in Recital series is

The chosen singers are all, in one way or another, of interest to the Opera House itself. The recital can acknowledge the part they may have already literally played; it may indicate that a watchful eye is being kept on them for future employment; it is a shop window as much for the company as protecteur as for the

contact. ... acquitted Rimself on the big stage in small roles in Fidelio. Gapriccio and Gawain. His recital showed that he

He began with Britten's Canticle I. 'My beloved is mine", sensitively accompanied by Adrian Hobbs. The characteristic tones of the cultivated, verbally intelligent English singer, the ex-choral scholar, graced the metaphysical circumlocutions of Francis Quaries. Here was that siender, rapt timbre which vibrates somewhere way back in the head, yet seems curiously dissociated from the front of the face...

metamorphosis missing.

HILARY FINCH

Geoff Brown's assessment of

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Eddie Osei: combines power, pathos and memory as Sidney

boy, Charlie Caine is intellligent and sensitive, but understandably gives up in an interminable drunk scene whose overwrought anguish — "Nobody loves a stray dog pup like me!" he exclaims, pushing over brimming dustbins — harks back to the sociomelodramatics of Ted Willis, circa

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PROFILE

Physical fun and sympathy

Debbie Isitt, fast-rising and prolific playwright, talks to Jeremy Kingston

ebbie Isitt is 25, energetic and very bright. In 1986, she and Mark Kilmury founded the memorably-named Snarling Beasties, and when You Never Know Who's Out There opens this Thursday it will be her sixth play in just over four

Set in the cut-throat world of Northern clubs, it is also the first in which she will not be acting — even though, once again, she has given the leading male character a wife. In previous plays, all of which she directs, she acted wives. In Punch and Judy: The Real Story she was bat-tered; in Valentino she wore a black fringe to play the star's lesbian wife, Rambova. She acted the dismayed wife of a transvestite in Femme Fatale; and in The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband, at the Theatre Upstairs last month, she played the younger, second wife who joined her predecessor at the dinner table Vilescope of the product of the predecessor at the dinner table Vilescope of table viles table. Kilmurry played the string of hapless males.

Her work is marvellously physical and swift. Any timechanges, back to happier days or forward to the tangled present, are shown by the simplest means: a single step or a change in posture. Menseem to be the puppers of their instincts and women; after putting up with this for a while, snap. Yet despite their. devastating subject matter, the plays are occasions for

explosive laughter. After training at the Coven-try Centre for the Performing Arts, where Kilmurry was a fellow-student, she joined the Cambridge Experimental Theatre Company for a long European tour of A Midsumner Night's Dream. "I saw different productions those I was familiar with. Very physical; striking and soundtrades. Mark joined the company

ended we realised we could either look for jobs or start our own company. Berkoff's East seemed a good starting-point and we took that to Edin-burch where it did not a

burgh where it did well."

After this they were all set up to do A Clockwork Orange, a work the Snarling Beasties would have suited exactly. Then the Royal Shakespeare Company bought the rights. We had our space in Edinburgh and didn't want to do another Berkoff, so I said I'd have a go. Gangsters was the first writing I'd ever done, except for essays at school.

Then next year Punch and Judy won the Independent Award and that put us on the map. It was a play on domes-tic violence which wasn't just depressing. The research I did really changed my life. Women came up afterwards and hugged me, in tears." Those of her characters

who try to conceal their feelings — the men usually— end with all pretences stripped away. Her women demolish them with crisp volleys of wit. The men can barrely make out what is hitting them and why.

"All my male characters are usually doing quite well at the start, and men in the audience identify with them. But if I come up against a problem.
I have to talk about it to the man in my life. Men don't like that and because they

can't express it, they short."
So what does she feel for the men she writes about, the ones who end up dead, even eaten? "Sympathy". If only these men — hopcless, evasive and horribly familiar - tried to understand women, every-one might be happier? "Yes. That's what I'd like the audience to feel."

 You Never Know Who's Out There previews at the Drill Hall, Chemies Street, WCI 1071-637 8270) tomorrow and Wedn



Sharp and bright Debbie Isitt in rehearsal with her Snarling Beasties theatre company

tephen Lowe's finest

stage play, Touched, showed the impact of

Hitler's war on back-to-back

Nottingham. His Flea Bites,

on BBC 2, returned to the

same city and, more in-directly, the same subject. The war may have happened

remember him as that arche-

George III. Last night he

death-camps and now les-

ters, sans wife and son, in

dowdy Nottingham.

Hawthorne

Beastliness on Broadway

The New York production of La Bête was a rare commercial failure

Andrew Lloyd Webber, who tells Matt Wolf why it is

coming to London

for its producer.

you have written and co-produced a straight play which is Broaday's costliest such flop to date? The play is a faur-Molière comedy in rhyming couplets, entitled La Bête (The Beast). If you are the author, David Hirson, and the composer-turned-backer Andrew Lloyd Webber, you do not retreat to lick your wounds. A year after La Bête hit New York, preceded by enough offstage drama to fuel a show of its own, the play is getting a second chance, away from the Broadway glare. It arrives this Thursday at the Lyric, Hammersmith, with a postible West End transfer to follow.

"For a first play, I think this deserved a lot more than it got on Broadway. Lloyd Webber ex-plained. He was in the kitchen of his Eaton Square house, talking be-tween recording sessions for his en-wife Sarah Brightman's new album. "I think it's hugely worth supporting a second opinion of the play here, because I am confident it will be intriguingly received. You may have various things you'd pick apart, but you have to admit there is a talent here; the play is just so unusual and so different."

Different it certainly is, as reviewers in New York were quick to point out: "To say this is not the usual fare on Broadway is self-evident; this is not the usual fare anywhere," the New York Times's Sunday critic David Richard wrote of the play, which is set among a troupe of actors in the 17th century French court of one Prince Conti. The actors' leader is the highbrow Elomire—the name is an anagram for Molière - who meets his match in the self-promoting troubador, Valère, whose 20-minute monologue in praise of

himself launches the play.
Lloyd Webber recalls his response when Broadway producer Stuart Ostrow sent him the script: "I found the play remarkable, and thought, Good Lord, it's got to be worth a try piece, and I enjoy doing things in the theatre that I know are not going to be necessarily very commercial."

Nobody, however, could have foretold quite how uncommercial La Bète would be. Ostrow, after all, had taken a similar gamble in 1988, backing a \$1.95 million (£1.09m) drama called M Butterfly which opened to a paltry \$36,000 advance box office, but went on to scoop the Tony awards and become that rare straight play event, a hit.

M Butterfly, though, dealt with a titilating issue literally torn from a newspaper cutting: the rumous rela-tionship between a homosexual



French diplomat and a transvestite spy. What's more, it had a star, John Lithgow, in the main role. The \$2 million La Bête may have begun with a star, Ron Silver, in its out-oftown tryout in Boston, but Silver, a Tony award-winner on his previous Broadway appearance in David Mamet's Speed-the-Plough, was to leave the show after its first preview, his contemporary urban persona apparently ill-suited to an elaborate

News of Silver's departure kept the Broadway theatre columns buzzing and left the producers with the choice of either finding another star or hiring the understudy. This was a portly drama school graduate called Tom McGowan whose main New York credit was a well received supporting role as a shepherd in The Winter's Tale, Off-Broadway.

Lloyd Webber stands by the decision to proceed with the understudy McGowan: "I don't think a star would have made a great deal of difference. Really, there are so many things that have come onto Broadquickly if not more quickly than La

What did make the difference? That usual culprit, The New York Times. "The power of The New York Times has been discussed until everyone's blue in the face, but the frank fact of the matter is that if you don't get their blessing, then it's virtually impossible for a play and probably impossible for a musical to

New York Times critic Frank Rich's review turned out to be mixed if hardly devastating. But mixed wasn't good enough. "The running costs are so stacked against you,"

says Lloyd Webber, "that you sudfind yourselves losing \$250,000 a week. The investors there were just saying, 'Andrew, you've got to take this thing off'."
In hindsight, Lloyd Webber isn't

sure his name above the title as coproducer didn't harm La Bête as much as it helped it. In past New York producing ventures, on Shiriey

'You have to admit there is a talent here; the play is just so unusual and so different'

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Valentine and Lend me a Tenor for used the name of The Really Useful Company, requiring interested parties to scrutinise the fine print at the back of the programme to discover his involvement. This time, his name was prominently displayed for all to see, and the composer is aware that he induces on Broadway what one might judiciously describe as a mixed reaction.

"There was a collective decision from the American side that it would be valuable to have my name up there, but I'm still not sure," Lloyd Webber says now. There is in certain areas of New York a we must get Andrew Lloyd Webber'

campaign, which on the whole they've been pretty successful at. Aspects of Love was demolished; it lost a fortune.

"I don't want in any way to be personal about Frank Rich because the fact that he has liked my stuff at some times - and then changed his mind completely, and hasn't - is his prerogative. He is the critic of The New York Times, and that's not his fault. But I think for me it might have been better to be behind the scenes on La Bète, as a presenter of

the thing. Nor is Lloyd Webber convinced that Broadway was the logical first home for La Bête. "My mistake as a producer was to try and put it on Broadway at such scale," he said of Richard Hudson's lavish designs, which cost \$300,000 for the sets alone, "Much too much money was spent. It should have been in a 300seat theatre Off-Broadway; then it could have been brought in in such a way that it was discovered."

And what of the playwright himself, without whom finance would be Sunday in New York, the 33-year-old Hirson takes a philosophical view, finding solace in the way that La Bête got five Tony nominations despite running no more than a month, and prompted a rare letter of support from such notables as Hal Prince, Katharine Hepburn and Joanne Woodward.

"I realised a lot of the Broadway experience was not about the play. and perhaps it was naïve to think it would be," says Hirson, a Yale and Oxford graduate whose father wrote the musical Pippin, a 1972 hit. "There is so much money involved that a Broadway play becomes about that and about nothing else. "Whether you hated the play, or perceived it as arrogant to come to New York with a play set in the 17th century, by an unknown playwright with a director who has not worked here before and with no stars, all of those issues were secondary or tertiary to a discussion of how the money was spent. It's the realm of big business, and it's probably very human that tensions develop between the critical fraternity and the people producing plays for Broadvay when there's so much money at

lready in London the portents are better for La Bète. The cost here is about half that on Broadway, and Lloyd Webber's own £50,000 contribution is a far cry from the \$1 million that constituted his share in New York Critical opinion, as everyone knows, is more widely dispersed, and audiences used to seeing actual Molière may feel more comfortable watching a contempo-

"With any play of value, you need an audience you can build on, that is talking about it via word of mouth," says Lloyd Webber, confident that such a public exists on home ground. Says Hirson: "I hope in England the circumstances are such that the play has a longer life. The attitude now is. 'Let's have six great weeks at the Lyric, and if that's all that happens, I'm happy. I'm happy it is being done again.

■ La Bète begins performances at the Lyric, Hammersmith (081-731 2311) on Thursday and opens on February 5

"At Scarborough

Technical College I

was translated from

being a dunce with

three O-levels to

being one of a handful

of superbrains doing

A-levels."

TELEVISION

Benedict Nightingale

Small matters

50 years ago: but it was still there, in the stoop, shuffle, But the best actor needs a plot to inhabit. Here, Lowe had come up with a highly improbable idea and somemottled face and woebegone eyes of the marvellous Nigel how bounced us into believing it. Among the spoils taken by a boy burglar from the old loner's house was a The public will mainly typal blend of the foxy and miniature chariot and a tiny, wheeled ship. Falling to flog these puzzing objects, the felon returned to the scene of the cocky, Sir Humphrey in Yes, Minister. But theatregoers have seen him in stranger guises, most re-cently the stricken king in the crime, and badgered the truth from his victim. Kryst Alan Bennett's Madness of was once ringmaster of a flea

again displayed his versatil-ity, abstractedly muttering his way through the role of Kryst, who survived the Most of the play involved the collaboration between Anthony Hill's Artful Dodger and Hawthome's grumpy Crummles. For the boy, halfcaste son of a hapless Irish

girl, training fleas becomes an obsession, and not only for its own fascination. It will, he thinks, enable him to make enough money to release his mother from the grip of the publican who has given them both house room. For Kryst, the boy proves an emotional de icer, a substitute for the murdered son who haunts his waking

The risk, sentimentality, was not quite avoided. It seemed wishful to suggest that a mix of flea-circus and Dungeons and Dragons could achieve a modest tri-umph at Nottingham's Goose Fair, an event Lowe had already evoked in all its

hi-tech gaudiness. Indeed, one of his achievements was to show the divide between the old and the new as represented by a gentle Pole presiding over hopping insects and a bull-headed Englishman filling his lounge bar with flashing lights, rancous rock and video trickery.

Yet the play succeeded, partly because of the unpretentious authenticity of Alan Dossor's cast, partly because of the sensitivity Lowe brought to the charac-ters' mutual misunderstandings. How easy it would have been for author and actor to transform the publican, with his German shepherd, zenophobia and suspicion that Kryst is a child abuser, into a leather-jacketed thug.

Yet there was decency and radiness to make amends

readiness to make amends behind the scrubbed hatchet-face of Tim Healy. That's the kind of contradiction that wins an author trust and

ARTS BRIEF

Into battle

ONE more attempt is being made to dramatise Tolstoy's War and Peace. After the Prokofiev opera, the awful King Vidor film and the incredibly long Russian one a decade later, comes a new stage version by Hugh White-more. With Derek Jacobi as Andrei, it is scheduled for the West End this summer.

Gangsters

HONG KONG stars and film makers have marched in protest at growing intimida-

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How green is your holiday?

Goodbye to the independent traveller and the culturati. This year's

holiday hero is the packaged, and green, tourist. Libby Purves reports

ere are two travellers. One is educated and affluent, journeys independently and writes sensitive books and articles about farflung parts of the world. In these, he often deplores with gentle irony the second traveller: a cheerful, loutish sunseeker in acid house shorts and a baseball cap, whose horizons are limited to beaches, keg beer, and shouting "Oi oi!" at hotel flamenco dancers. Sometimes the upmarket traveller crossly re-fers to mass tourism as a "pollution". This makes him feel vaguely green. But which of them is actual-

ly the worse environmental criminal? Beyond doubt, according to the principles of a new holiday audit by the authors of the Green Consumer Guide, it is the first. He travelled on a half-empty scheduled flight and hired a car. He interferes with the balance of local society by insisting that his comfy hotel is in the old part of town; worse, he discovers unspoilt places and writes about them. thus causing further tourist invasion. Such trail-blazers come in for severe criticism: it seems that many a righteous backpacker and sensitive Sunday journalist has opened the floodgates for mass invasion. Think of the 1960s hippies, raving about Goa until it became the crowded honey-pot it is today; think of what Peter Mayle has brought upon Provence.

Meanwhile, the despicable Essex Man on his beach really audits rather well. He travelled out in a packed charter plane with no room to straighten his knees - very fuel-efficient - transferred by coach, and once inside his tourist ghetto will stay put, contributing to the local economy by well-worn channels. He might put up a black mark by water-skiing, which scores zero on the authors' merit scale; but then there is a fair chance that his more "civilised" opponent may play golf, an even more emphatic zero, condemned by ternational contagion", land-

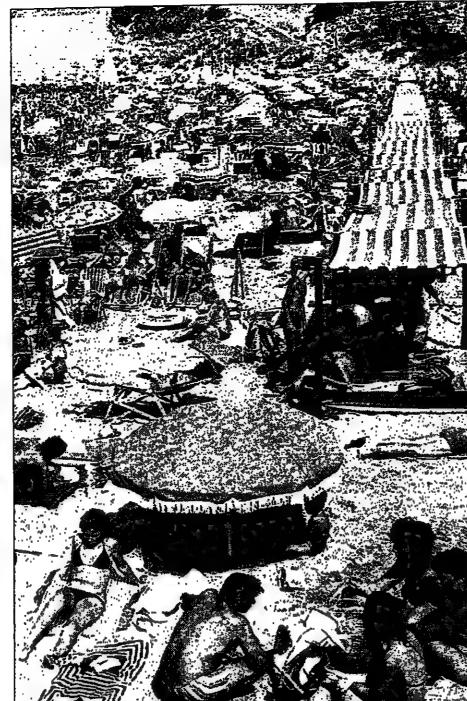
sive. And does our sensitive hero ski (hell on vegetation, insect life and soil)? And does his yacht on the Hamble have a sewage holding-tank, eh? And has he a selfish country

Green consumerism has badgered every other trade to be recyclable and responsible. so it would be inconsistent to industries in the world. Tourism props up countless econo-mies and irrevocably changes countries such as Thailand and Bali, Turkey and Kenya. A few figures suffice: in Hawaii each tourist uses six to ten times more water and electricity than a local resident. In the Yosemite National Park in California on summer days, the density of visitors is greater than in Manhattan. York is visited by 30 times its population every year. How could environmentalists not examine tourism?

ulia Hailes and John Elkington, the twin dy-namos of the green consultancy company SustainAbility, wrote their Green Consumer Guide in 1988, and have since bornbarded us with Supermarket, Young Consumer, Office and Filotax variations on it. The day I arrived in their North Kensington headquarters, Mr Elkington was on a plane and Ms Hailes was in the throes of preparation for the company's Holiday Extravaganza Ball at the Porchester Baths (in aid of gorillas and She is a brisk, articulate

woman who came to greenery from television and advertising. "I have always wanted to push environmental issues into the mainstream. For instance, with this book, I don't take the deep green view that you probably shouldn't go on holiday at all. It's all very well persuading ten people to be extreme, but you do more good by getting a million people to take one step in the right direction.

And what is the right direction? As far as destinations go, she won't say. "People say, "Where do I go?". but that is a signpost to ruin. I didn't like the Which? report





on worst resorts, because it's just telling people to go off and ruin somewhere else. You want tourists to stick with it, work on their destination, complain." Giving general advice is easier: it pours in an unstoppable flood. Use agents with a clear policy on the environment Favour countries which favour conservation; don't buy airline duty-free, save water, avoid imported food and multina-

hotel chains from which "the money just whistles straight home to America". Refuse to buy shells and corals and skins. Don't chuck money around in poor coun-tries — "You create a race of beggars" - travel light. And travel slowly: 'The further you travel and the faster you go, the greater your environ-

mental impact is likely to be." Ms Hailes spent long enough in advertising to

know that gloom sells nothing. The relentlessly upbeat tone of the book attempts the almost impossible: to harness responsibility to the most escapist purchase of all. So even the activities starred as zero (combat games, off-road driving) carry chirpy advice on minimising their effect; and favoured options such as cycling or gorilla watching with a reputable firm" glow

with enthusiasm. Snobbery has no place. Ms Hailes applauds theme parks and holiday centres as a form of space efficient damage limitation: after all, people sliding down the Giant Flume are not stepping on rare plants. Nor need the culturati feel smug: there is a warning about the damage caused to Italian art treasures by visitors wearing wet

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Yet beneath the jargon many of the trips on offer do

have genuine ecological con-

cerns. There is evidence that

certain types of eco-tourism.

particularly trips to watch endangered species, can have very positive effects.

The endangered mountain gorillas which inhabit the borders of Uganda,

Rwanda, and Zaire have eff-

ectively been saved by the expansion of tourism," says

Cyril Rosen, the UK repre-

sentative of the Inter-

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the relationship between the concerned, Local people actually may outsiders to advise take Madagascar, the forests and need to be convinced that these are exactly the things visitors pay to see." Or, as one tour operator. observed, "It's all very well for the British to be educated to look after a Greek island, but you should see the way the Greeks behave."

Merely demonstrating the wreckage other countries

have made of their coasts is not necessarily enough: There's the story of a teacher he toughest area is

> smoke spelt prosperity." This, she says, is the point where toucism can post help: with big travel firms stick and influencing local not much evidence of such altruism. The average tour short-sighted. It a tends to 'quarry' environmental quali-ty. If one Shangri-La is wrecked, the Industry's mentality suggests that another

can always be found." The message is often spelt

in China who showed videos of built-up polluted rubbishobserved that greening would be "cutting their own neck". But, says Ms Hailes, "if strewn places, and the aud-ence said Wowl We'd like that! Remember, 100 years ago in Britain, thick black fuss they'll change." She is optimistic about our

power and goodwill: but then optimism is her trademark. Already there are green tour-ism projects in Venezuela, the Seychelles, Belize, And heck, the combination of Euro Distunnel will save a lot of jet fuet Wen't it?

· Holidays That Don't Cost the Earth by John Elkington and Julia Halles is published by Gollanc on February 6, 15.99. The Holiday Extravaganza Ball is at the Porchester Baths on February 5 at 8pm. Tickets, £58, from SustainAbility

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As a general guide to the concerns of green tourism, the environment charity Ark has produced Going For It. a glossy brochure full of advice for would be green tourists. The publication is part of Ark's nationwide Green Travel Bug Campaign, and is on sale at Manchester airport. The message is simple: You can be a green tourist wherever you go, says Roisin Orosz, Ark's cam-paign director. There is a misconception that the destination determines whether or not a holiday is green, but it depends more on your attitudes and behaviour than on where you go."

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GREEN BEHAVIOUR

Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last year for health, environmental or ethical reasons?

The beauty of the bare face

The unmade-up woman is making her mark. Alice Thomson reports on those who are confident without cosmetics

year-old market analyst at the stockbrokers Williams de Broë, kicked the make-up habit four years ago. My mother always wears some make-up but I never took to it in a major way. I felt absurd plastering it on, like a kid riffling through a dressing-up box," she says.

Ms Almond feels sorry for women who spend their days

obsessively reapplying their lip-stick. "Women wear it to boost their confidence. But I find that the men at work respect me more for not painting my face, and take me more seriously."

In the not so far off days of power-dressing make-up was more about armour than artifice and no self-respecting working woman would have been seen dead without mascara, blusher and blood-red lipstick. These were the adult woman's security blanket, and going to work with no make-up was tantamount to going to work in a dressing-gown and

Now women are shedding their painted skins and some are even beginning to appear bare-faced in the office. Actresses such as Jodie Foster have led the "less is best" trend. Helen Mirren, who starts shooting the sequel to her his television series Prime - Suspect next month, comes complete with wrinkles and dark rings under her eyes in her role as Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison.

According to the market re-search analysis Euromannor, make-up sales in Britain have dropped by 8.5 per cent in the last five years. The only growth has been in lipstick sales on 1983, 65 per cent of women used lipstick,

compared to 71 per cent in 1989). Younger women seem to have been the first to throw out their eyeliner and instead of mothers forbidding their teenage daugh ters to wear make-up their children are telling them to wear less.

Men of all ages seem to applaud women who drop the make-up and "come out". Nicholas Baring. aged 41, a GP in West London, thinks that British men are terrified of over-made-up women. "I loathe it when women disappear is most damaging in public life, into the loo in the evening for half Constituents don't want their MPs an hour and return caked in make-up," he says. "If a woman is that worried about her appearance she is bound to be neurotic. Women who don't wear make-up

icki Almond, a 27- confident I would be inclined to trust them more."

But Jeff Grout, the managing director of Robert Half, a financial recruitment consultancy, believes other women may not approve bare-faced chic. "Most people form an impression within three minutes, and women interviewers are far more critical of appearance than men," he says. "We've found that people tend to do better in interviews and promotions if they have the right packaging, and some make up does seem to be expected. It shows you are making

Men, who splashed out £390 million on male skin-care products in 1991, can have the opposite problem. A little discreet tinted

'For younger women it can be a way of saying, I want to be taken seriously'

moisturiser may be passed over, but anything more is still frowned on at work. Patrick Little, a freelance design consultant, sometimes wears some dark cherry lipstick and mascara, and paints a small beauty spot on the side of his cheek. Women never seem to mind but if I am going to a conventional meeting I do feel pressurised by other men into wearing a conventional suit and bare face or they don't take me seriously," he says.

Not surprisingly. Mary Spiliane, the managing director of CMB image consultants, with 60 MPs and Shell and IBM on her books, frowns on the image of the bare-faced woman and believes that the older you get the more effort you have to make "By wearing no make-up you are actually drawing attention to your-self and saying 'I don't care'. This on television looking as though they have just left the kitchen sink or the pub," she says.

According to Euromonitor, Brit-

Spillane says that make-up retry to country. "In New York the women all wear smokier, stronger colours. In Italy the slightest hint of blue eye shadow is frowned upon and they are very natural. The French think you are cheap if you wear coloured nail varnish, and in Germany they like the baby

Some women are still required to wear make up as part of their uniform whether they like it or not (see below). Air hostesses, receptionists and hotel staff have always been expected to display the corporate image on their faces. At Trust House Forte, female staff are not forced to wear make-up but they are encouraged to wear at least a little mascara and lipstick.

"Most female staff need to wear some make-up to present them-selves in their best light," says Karen Pirie, the personnel manager for Trust House Forte Heritage Hotels:"In that way we are sexist, because the men aren't expected to wear any but we have to comply with our guests wishes and they don't like being greeted by a receptionist who looks as though

she has just got out of bed.
"On the other hand, you don't want them to look as though they are just about to go for a rave-up. I have had to discipline one girl for wearing too much make-up. Ultimately, however, I do consider it a matter of personal choice."

Dr Marilyn Davidson, the se nior lecturer in organisational psychology at Manchester University, feels there is no need for women to wear any make up at work. "Women must be allowed to be themselves if companies are to get the best out of them, and for many women that means wearing no make-up," she says. "For younger women it is a way of saying 'I want to be taken seriousor they may prefer to spend their money on something else. Older women may just be bored with putting it on every day."

For the die-hard blue eyeshadow brigade and anyone unduly concerned about impending wrinkles, the really natural look could be as unwelcome as the advent of the catsuit was for the less than svelte. Penny Steyne, a senior film makeup artist says: "If you can't go without it, you can always fake the bare look with a few soft browns and some colourless lipstick. Evish women wear less make-up than eryone will think you look natural any other women in Europe. Ms but you won't feel undressed."



Naked: Nicki Almond, a market analyst, says men at work respect her more without make-up

 Last year 38-year-old Teresa
 Fischette was sacked as a ticket agent for Continental Airlines in Boston, USA, for refusing to wear make-up to work. After women's groups and Sarah Wunach, a civil liberties lawyer, began to investigate the case Continental admitted they were wrong and offered to reinstate her. The chairman

then issued makeup guidelines. Few British companies will but many employers, especially

FACE FACTS

 British Airways: Female staff are asked to wear sensible make-up and are given makeup lessons as part of their inhouse training. There are no strict regulations but "if someone has a flawless face, we wouldn't insist they wore make-up (though I have never seen an air hostess who didn't wear

 BBC: Elizabeth Rowell, make-up and design manager for BBC television says: "If you have a perfect complexion you

could get away with no makeup on camera but most men and women will flush under the lights and need some foundation to keep their colour down. • The Lanesborough Hotel, London: "We encourage women to look their best. If someone doesn't look good without any

makeup we will discreetly tell them and advise them to apply a British Petroleum: A okesman savs: "We have no dress or make up regulations. Most of the women wear make-up

but that is out of personal

Forking out on forks

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With a new range, Hermes want to be

at the cutting edge of costly cutlery

HERMÈS launched a new range of products this month with which it expects to establish a tradition as strong as it already has for luggage and clothing. Hermes's cutlery — or Art de la Table — is expected to provide rich pickings when the "Moisson" crop of flatware be-comes ripe for sale in the spring. Based on estimated prices of £230 for a seven-piece place setting, it could be worth £280



To get the wheatsheaf effect wanted for the cutlery, a special production procedure had to be developed allowing the pieces to be worked from solid rolls of electroplated nickel and flattened down. "A lot of our best products started with a crazy idea," says Jean-Pierre Boutillon, the head of Art de la Table, looking around Hermés's Paris headquarters at items that have taken them from saddlery to scarves and clothes.

What is so special about Her-mes cutiery? Available only in silver plate (at an average of 140 a piece) — silver plate in which the wheat sheafs are bound with goldplated rings (around £60 a piece)
— or in 24-carat gold plate on
silver plate (at around £80 a
piece), it looks set to become a

It can go equally well with a grand dinner service or with the new "Moisson" porcelain. Saint Louis, the 400-year-old crystal firm, has produced a set of complementary crystal, making this the first launch of co-ordination which we have a set of complementary crystal.

Without doubt, it is designed for those born with a silver spoon in their mouths.

VICTORIA MCKEE

Thirty years at fashion's cutting edge

wardrobe owes something to the designs of Yves Saint Laurent

he high point of this week's Paris countre season promises to be the 30th anniversary of the opening of Yves Saint Laurent's fashion house. It was on January 29 1962 that Saint Laurent, aged 25, presented his first collection under his own name in a rented house in the rue Spontini. This Wednesday the usual ranks of his chic customers, headed by the actresses Catherine Deneuve and Zizi Jeanmaire, will no doubt give Saint Laurent a resounding ovation at the end of his 60th countre collection. The real celebrations break

out next Monday, however, when a gala soirée is planned at the Opera Bastille (the opera house run by Saint Laurent's partner and presi-dent of his fashion empire. Pierre Bergé), the details of which remain a surprise for the designer.

Ms Deneuve, who has long been one of the reclusive designer's coterie of close friends and a regular guest at his house in Marrakesh and chateau in Normandy, is playing the part of honorary

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Classic Saint Laurent: chiffon shirt with bell-bottom trousers (1967); check trouser suit (1990); safari shirt and trousers, tribal jewellery (1982) hostess of both the gala next

Monday and a press conference in Paris tomorrow tonight. With M Berge, she is expected to announce details of a Saint Laurent arts There has been a rash of

parties and retrospective fashion exhibitions recently as other top conturiers who established their names in the 1950s and 1960s celebrate various anniversaries. Valentino's 30th, Emanuel Ungaro's 25th and Hubert de Givenchy's 40th mile-stones have all been extravagantly celebrated. Of all of them, Saint Laurent alone can justifiably claim to have made a mark on 20th-century tastes and remained at the curring edge of fashion for

three decades. He had already stunned the fashion world when at 21 he was made design director at Dior (on the death of Christian Dior in October jacket to flatter female curves. 1957) and introduced beat- He has made safari shirts

nik black alligator bomber jackets, leather suits and black turtleneck sweaters made in the hallowed traditions of a couture atelier.
The clean-lined suits, peas

ant smocks and simple naval pea-jackets in his first ownname collection, shown five years later, were of such reactionary simplicity that they redefined the image of Parisian haute couture for ever and influenced the way women dressed for decades to come. Every woman who wears a blazer with flannel trousers, who knots a trenchcoat over a turnleneck sweater and straight skirt and who enjoys the understatement of dressing up at night in a satin-lapelled jacket cut like a man's tunedo, wears Saint Laurent style. Apart from those biker's

leathers done for Dior back in

1960, he has shown how to

scissor the perfect mannish

Every woman in a blazer with flannel trousers wears his style'

and sailor pants high fashion, and regularly shows women how to look chic wearing harem pants, jewelled boleros, tasselled bournouses and iellabas. Never all at once, of course. He understands discipline in design better than most. Every designer who chooses to shock with seethrough shirts, daring hemlines, jewelled bras and Barbarella thigh boots, must

face the fact that Saint Laurent did it more elegantly, and first. Even the puffball, launched by Christian Lacroix on his arrival in Paris countre at the house of Patou in 1982 (another anniversary this year), originally came off the Saint Laurent sketchpad while the designer was still at Dior in 1958. "Je vous souhaite à durer (I wish you lasting success)", Saint Laurent is reported to have said to Lacroix, when he finally met haute couture's acclaimed

new genius in the 1980s. Any celebration of the unquestionably long-lasting success of the Saint Laurent E2.3 billion fashion empire will be affected, however, by the uncertain health of the designer himself

In March 1990 when he was too ill to appear at his ready-to-wear show, a bulletin from M Berge announced that Saint Laurent was in hospital suffering from "overwhelming nervous exhaus-

tion". The previous year Saint Laurent's increasingly unsteady appearances on the catwalk had fuelled speculation that he was dying. M Bergé then issued a statement about Saint Laurent's continuing psychological problems. which date back to his youth, when he was discharged from military service on medical grounds. In the much-quoted words that M Bergé must regret ever saying: "Yves was born with a nervous breakdown."

As the fashion world waits to delebrate with the greatest designer of the century, a question mark continues to hang over his health.

In an interview for The Times in July 1990, M Bergé revealed what he would do in a world without Yves. "When the time comes I will close down the couture house. It is a nonsense to carry on with-

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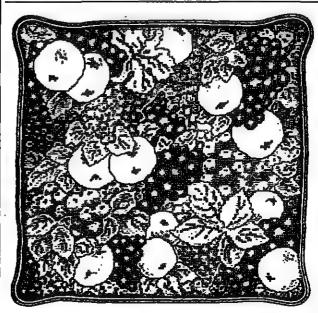
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From hardcore house to hip hop, from techno to trance, Joseph Gallivan charts the musicians worth listening to

self seated opposite a High Court judge at dinner, talk loudly about Altern 8, System 7, Unique 3 and Model 500 and watch the old buffer's mouth drop at the thought of a whole new set of appeals against wrongful conviction.

Luckily for Lord Justice Redface, such names are nothing to do with the Birmingham Six-Tottenham Three syndrome. They are in fact pop groups. Not a week goes by on Top of The Pops without a new squad of lads with their hoods up dabbin' away at synthesisers while some pretty 19-year-old dancer in a black catsuit waves her arms around energetically in front of

This is what you get when rave music - hard core house, if you like - goes mainstream. But if you are thinking of dropping some vinyl on those surly teenage nieces and nephews by way of cheap presents, you'll need to know who's who. You don't want to look silly in the HMV shop, do you?

2 Unlimited are actually a rather limited boy-girl twosome from Holland on PWL (that's the W from SAW: Stock, Aitken & Waterman) who make frantic but rather flat rave instrumentals such as "Get Ready for This". 2 For Joy. however, are a bit harder, using more bass and melody, as shown on that single "Let the Bass Kick". whereas SL2 (named after a Technics turntable - what sentimental old sausages, eh?) produce stop-start house with the drum spaces filled with hard vocal samples, for instance on "DJs Take Control". Simple.

You might once have known your ELO from your ELP, but do you know your Orb from your Orbital? What about The KLF, LFO, ELF? And UHF? The KLF ("They're justified. They're ancient. And they drive an ice cream van." as Tammy Wynette currently testifies) have a rival in the mysterious entertainers stakes: Altern 8 are also known as Nexus 21 when not in disguise.

Altern 8, the two lads from

ext time you find your. Stafford in hoods and smog masks, had chart success at the end of last year with "Activ 8". that song in which a five-year-old girl repeats ad nauseam the raver slang "Nice one / Top one / Get sorted". But some say it's a copout, that it's not funny and that they made their best techno record five years ago, The Rhythm of Life. That's the kind of thing lovers of

house music argue about.

Mind you, that's nothing compared to the debate between fans

'Remember, M-People are different from K-Klass, who are not D-Influence'

of American techno and European trance music. Unique 3 - three, sometimes four lads from - are usually said to have made the first "bleep" record, "Theme", which is fast, cold house with Kraftwerk-type pocket calculator bleeps running all the way

through it. The market's been flooded with bleeps since 1990, though," says their man Edzy, and their lovely smooth single, "No More", shows they've moved on too. "Detroit techno came out of hip hop. It's slower than the new European stuff, it was made by minimalists like Kevin Saunderson, Inner City and Model 500.

"We named ourselves the way any hip hop crew would, but now the name and number thing's an instant techno identity." Like Plus the Canadian hardcore label . . . which of course shouldn't be confused with Pulse 8, a British

compilation label. On an even mellower tip. old guitarist Steve Hillage last year started a collective called System 7 by teaming up with producer Youth, former Simple Minds key-board player Mick McNeil and several others, including ambient house-man Alex Paterson of the Orb. The album System 7 is highly textured, with good songs and a soulful edge. If you want similar complexities but a harder, more boffin-like sound, Fortran 5 have a fine and anxious compact disc out called Blues and a sci-fi novella to

go with it. For the record, Front 242 are heavy white industrial dance music from the United States. Just imagine the opposite of Level

M People are craggy DJ Mike Pickering's latest outfit, whose "Colour My Life" and "How Can I Love You More?" went down well everywhere from Top Shop to the Hacienda last year. The album Northern Soul (out next month) is a good antidote to the mindless element of raving.

K-Klass are a Northern fivepiece who insist on playing live at raves, are influenced by the house sounds of Frankie Knuckles, Nick Anthony Fiorucci and Dave Morales, and had their fine anthem "Rhythm is a Mystery" reissued properly towards the end of last

"We named ourselves using popular American spelling," says Paul Roberts. "That was before we found out the K-Class was a disastrously bad type of British submarine of the first world

N-JOI play live too: these are your typical Essex lads on the rave who made the brilliant "Adrenaand "Anthem" records. You've probably seen their baseball caps in your rear view mirror at some point. D-Influence, however, are something else. Theirs is the sound of mid-tempo London soul (the album will be out early this year), technological but with a heart and a voice, and of all these names definitely the one to remember in 1992.

But if all that's too confusing for you, there's always the new CD by U2.



Techno enigma: Altern 8, also known as Nexus 21 when not in disguise, had a hit with a five-year-old girl repeating raver slang





In vogue: Essex boys N-JOI (left) made the outstanding "Adrenalin"; M-People (right) were the rage from Top Shop to the Hacienda

Father Bernard Darcy caters for his flock's spiritual needs as they wallow in luxury

Fr Darcy on board, "simply doing the work I was ordained to do"

he priest with the most world. Father Bernard Darcy, left his church after the evening Mass, stopped for a brief chat to a lady in a mink stole who had lost a small fortune playing black jack at a casino, then made straight for the Columbia Res-taurant to settle down to a dinner that many priests would think had been specially prepared for a

cardinal on a saint's day. After smoked salmon, duckling à l'orange, peach flambée and Gaelic coffee, he was making his way to the theatre to hear the Moscow Conservatoire Orchestra perform Vivaldi's Four Seasons. An opulent lifestyle for a priest. perhaps, but not if his parish is the OE2, one of the most luxurious liners in the world.

The recital was actually Fr Darcy's second visit to the theatre in two hours. The first time, though, he was on stage himself celebrating the 6.30 Mass. For the theatre is his church and his confessional is a seat in the stalls. despite the fact that some of his parishioners are wealthy enough to build him a cathedral. They comprise the influential the rich and the famous, and a film star turning up for absolution in a tuxedo is not unknown. Churchless or not, Fr Darcy can take his

pick of any number of bars for an evening drink, go to a disco, dine in any of four restaurants, go to a play or see the latest film. Instead, ae prefers to live relatively modestly, catering for his flock's spiritual needs across the world. Today he is saying Mass in Tahiti. on the way to Auckland and Sydney.

He has baptised babies in Hong Kong, married romantics in the Seychelles, said benediction in Bombay, heard confessions in Kuala Lumpur, given solace to the sick in Istanbul, administered the last rites in Nanles and buried people in the Indian Ocean - all without leaving his parish.

This 73-year-old member of the missionary order of White Fathers is one of the most widely travelled priests in modern day Christendom. The day that I met him, he had committed the ashes of two former crew members to

In the evening he was planning to make final preparations for a wedding on board. The happy couple planned to sail to the Caribbean for their honeymoon. They must be one of the few

newlyweds to sail on their honevmoon with the priest who married them," he said over tea and scones in the Queen's Room. Fr Darcy joined the QE2 when he retired from active work in his order nine years ago. He had heard that Cunard carried a Catholic priest and wrote to them on the off-chance that there might be a vacancy

"I thought no more about it until some months later when I was helping out a sick priest in a parish in Pasadena. I had a telephone call asking if I was still "I jumped at the chance.

primarily because when I retired my superior said that all he could offer me was a job behind a desk answering letters and that would have killed me. Each April I report to him telling him what I have done, since I am still bound by the vow of obedience and I must say that, despite the splendour of this great ship, I see it as simply doing the work I was ordained to do." His position is not a salaried

one. but Cunard provides him with accommodation and even supplies his communion bread

and altar wine. Then of course there's the cuisine that even a papal nuncio would be hard pressed to stumble across in the

Vatican on the pontiff's birthday.
"I find no difficulty with that. You see. I eat to live. I don't live to eat. If you asked me right now what I had for kunch I wouldn't be

able to tell you. Yet Fr Darcy is seen to observe moderation. At breakfast I watched him walk past the eggs benedict, goal cheese and ripe olive omelette, grilled kippers and grilled chicken, and make straight or the porridge

"i osually take just a little porridge for breakfast and something light for lunch," he said. But dinner is a different matter since I mingle with the pas-sengers and join them at various tables. I wouldn't want to make them feel guilty by eating simple food while they took their pick of the menu. That just wouldn't do.

"Yesterday was interesting, though. I knew I'd be drinking champagne or water with my dinner, depending on the for-tunes of a horse. A passenger on my table had placed quite a large bet from the radio room on a horse with odds of 9-2.

"He said that if it won he wo provide champagne for the entire table. If not, I would be drinking water with my dinner as usual. It lost, so I had water. But there have been times when I have had charmogene on the strength of a horse coming in first. It happened a couple of years ago when a young Welsh couple on my table backed the 100-1 winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

"So I have whatever is on the menu, lobster thermidor and all, except during Lent, of course. Then I cut back on the food, say extra prayers, and give up something, perhaps lobster one year, venison the next, and so on.'

Fr Darcy experiences world travel as few lay people do, let alone priests, and his presence lends a fine balance of spirituality to these overt trappings of materialism. He has dined with Telly Savalas, Jimmy Savile, Bette Davis. Loretta Young, helped Senator Bob McGovern to trace his Irish ancestry and engaged in small talk with President Tru-man's daughter. "You'd be surprised just how many people on the QE2 come to discuss their anxieties. I'm a good listener."

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Let common sense take over

Kenneth Clarke is relying on public pressure to reform primary teaching, **David Tytler writes**

he evidence in the report on primary school teaching methods commissioned by Kenneth Clarke has been painstakingly prepared so that every claim is supported. The language used by "the three wise men" appointed by the education secretary to write the report is moderate, so that when there is moderate, so that when there is criticism of the "highly questionable dogmas" adopted by some primary schools for the past 20 years, the effect is all the more telling.

The reforms proposed by the three — Robin Alexander, of Leeds University, Jim Rose, the chief primary inspector in the schools inspectorate, and Chris Woodhead, the chief executive of the National Curriculum Council have explained with the voice of reason what must be done if standards are to be raised.

The need for change is clear, yet the three have refused to endorse a wholesale return to traditional teaching methods. They have recommended that the best of all practices should be incorporated in primary school teaching, but they want specialist teachers to teach individual subjects and they sug-gest a return to whole-class teachng where possible.

While ruling out streaming as being too crude, they recommend that groups of children should be taught according to their ability. For too long, the very able and the less able have been let down by 100" many primary schools that have concentrated on aiming their teaching at the middle ground.

That is no longer acceptable.

Children also want teachers to point out their errors — a view that some teachers still consider heresy. Mr Rose will have none of it: "Children are quite capable of handling that." He says that children must be instructed by the teacher rather than relying on the pupils to ask questions. The problem can be summed up in the phrase you sometimes hear, that

Teachers, the report says, should focus more firmly on the effectiveness of lessons, because much topic



Something to smile about: Kenneth Clarke's views on progressive teaching have been vindicated, but advisers do not recommend a total reversion to old methods

work, particularly in history and geography, is undemanding. "Too many topics amount to little more than aimless and superficial copying from books and offer pupils negligible opportunities for progression from one year to the next."

The report accepts, however, that there was a drop in reading standards between 1987 and 1991. A report to be published by the National Foundation for Educational Research will show that there has been a decline of between three and five months in the reading age. Professor Alexander and his team have been told that the requirements of the national curriculum and its attendant tests have led to reduced teaching time, especially in the basics.

Jack Straw, Labour's education up the point and clearly does not think it premature to lay at least some of the blame on a complicated, demanding curriculum. Gener-

What three leading educationists think

There seems an awful lot of rhetoric about topic teach-ing which is not based on actual experience. I am relieved that the report has come out with a balanced view. Throwing out topic-based education would have been throwing away a lot of the best we have learnt about children.

Rob Davies, headteacher, Dot Hill junior school, Chelmsford.

ally, though, he approves of the report. "The authors have shown commendable independence," Mr important contribution to the debate about teaching methods."

Professor Alexander sums up the three wise men's judgment as

lead to more involvement by teachers in the government's plans. Too much is being in-flicted and dictated to teachers without them being involved.
And that flies in the face of good management practice of our schools. stay on the side of the children. They don't do things to be trendy. Janet Morgan, head, Mytchett school, Camberley, Surrey John Coe, National Association for Primary Education

We are pleased that a cooler voice has prevailed. We hope that this report will

"arguing for a return to common control what happens in schools. sense". Will they be heard, and can Mr Clarke is relying on public it make any difference? Mr Clarke, pressure to force teachers to change be the basis for a debate on teachers are unhappy with the primary education that should methods of the past 20 years but involve the entire teaching profeshave not felt able to express their sion. No government, however, can views. He says: "The report will

give them the self-confidence to express those common sense views.

They no longer need feel any guilt." Mr Clarke has an important lever: the teacher-training institutions, where he can decide how and what new teachers are taught. He is committed to school-based training but has delayed his primary proposals until the report is published.

He will now ask the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education for advice on the report's implications for reform of primary initial teacher training and will seek improvements in the continued training of newly qualified

The real drive for change must, however, come from the schools; the danger is that there will either be a dealening silence or the that "we are already doing it". The professionals, the report makes clear, do not always know best. Parents should not be

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Biggest show in Britain

BRITAIN'S largest exhibition of independent schools, organised by The Times and The Sunday Times, will be held in

London in October. About 250 schools are expected to take part in Independent Education 92, making it by far the largest of the five shows held since 1988. Each of the last three attracted 4,000 visitors.

The Independent Schools Information Ser-vice established the event to give parents a convenient method of finding out about independent education. ISIS, which has 1,400 schools in membership. will continue as partners in the exhibition.

This year's exhibition will be held at the Business Design Centre. in Islington, north London. from October 9 to 11. A series of seminars and workshops will take place: a programme-planning meeting is being held in London

More of the leading independent schools will be exhibiting this year. and a number of London day schools will be taking part for the first time. Robin Wilson, the headteacher of Trinity School, Croydon, south London, says: "Our group of 18 schools will be represented this year because the change of management has given new importance to the

exhibition."
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National pay here to stay

treated fairly generous-ly — as they should be - by their new pay review body when it reports shortly. In the last decade their relative pay has fallen behind similar occupations, and the effort they have to put into their job has increased with the simultaneous introduction of the national curriculum and local management of schools.

Whatever the pay review body awards, two fundamental issues will-remain. First, which principle should determine their pay: comparability, marker efficiency, affordability or performance? Second, is the review body the best institutional mechanism? This national arbitration forum fits a little uneasily with the devolved education

Comparability was the underlying principle of pay determination in public services for much of the post-war period. Ad hoc comparability commissions - Houghton in 1974 and Clegg in 1979 each resulted in a big boost to teachers' pay, but teachers' relative pay then gradually fell back. One task of the review body is to dampen such cycles.

The review body will probably not devote too much attention to comparability, not least because Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, is violently opposed to Teachers are likely to be treated

this principle. Market efficiency has been in vogue. This emphasises recruitment, retention and motivation.

There are two different labour supply problems. High house prices in London and the southeast imply greater problems but the London allowance is madequate, and needs to be paid over a larger area.
The second problem is far

more tricky. Should teachers in scarce supply — in science, computing and modern languages, for example — be paid more than their coleagues? Such payments risk rupturing the collegiality of the school. Schools try to circumvent such tensions by awarding incentive allowances to teachers in scarce disciplines.

Affordability has been emphasised by the Treasury. education department and local authority employers in their evidence to the review body. Although the review body does not have to stick to Treasury cash limits, it will certainly have an eye on costs. Whichever principle is chosen - and the review body will surely compromise among all three - it must

further consider the link be-

tween pay and performance.

Mr Clarke, in his submission,

generously in their pay review suggested that the pay of

heads and their deputies should be linked to performance. Certainly, it is possible to evaluate performance, but only after very careful controls have been made. The recent reductionist league tables of exam results, truancy rates and over and under subscription are patently absurd as measures of individuals' performance.

ead teachers and their deputies should stantial rise. A typical secondary school has a budget of more than 12 million and premises worth twice that. The head is responsible for upwards of 100 teaching and non-teaching staff and a 1,000 children. The government's curriculum and management reforms have changed their job description profoundly, and they have had to do all this with no new resources. Most employees in the private sector coping with this level of responsibility and these changes would be paid at least half as much again.

Linking pay and perfor-mance for the individual teacher is more problematic. For the moment, the new appraisal system emphasises development, and excludes pay. But unions representing employees in civil service agencies, the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise have all agreed to embrace the principle of performance-re-

The advent of the review body has substituted an arbitration mechanism for collective bargaining, but its award remains national. There are many other forms of pay determination in the public sector. Firefighters and the police both have an indexation formula, civil servants have "constrained collective bargaining", in which the parties bargain within the middle range of pay in-creases for similar jobs.

Completely decentralised bargaining, by schools, would be anarchic and timeconsuming. It is more likely that some form of national bargaining, coupled with the local flexibility provided by recent reforms, will continue. It probably suits all parties.

The government gets more control over public expenditure. For management, pay is "taken out of competition" so teachers will not be bid away by neighbouring schools. And for the unions, the national agreement emphasises the collegiality and craft identity of the profession.

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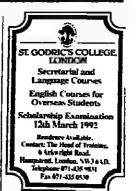
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The change is expected to encourage the individual colleges within the University of Wales to apply for individual university titles. The principals of five of the six existing colleges recently expressed strong reservations about the amount of central power

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wielded by the university particularly on funding.

Portsmouth polytechnic is to spend E20 million over four years to convert and upgrade itself in the hopes of becoming a university. It wants to attract an extra 2,000 pupils.

Opting out

AN Edinburgh school will be the first in Scotland to opt out of local authority control. Parents of pupils at London Street primary decided by 106 votes to 12 to seek selfgoverning status after council plans to close the 124-pupil

school. During the past 18 months, opt-out votes have been taken by parents at Holm primary in Orkney:

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Sacred Heart Academy in Girvan and Glasgow's Willowbank primary, but in each case parents decided against opting out of local authority control. Teachers at London Street

have said that they do not want to work in an opted out primary. There will be a two month consultation period before lan Lang, the Scottish secretary, announces his

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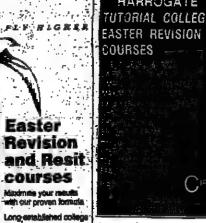
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The headmaster of Ampleforth, facing a flood of new information and instructions, finds common ground with state schools in deciding his priorities

Our united battle in the paper jungle

the social services department the Industrial Society, the Secondary Heads Association, the education department and my own association. There were more than 30(pages of information, covering opics ranging from the safety of wheelchairs and coffee: machines to a paper entitled Retirement — Coming Your Way, which I fund curiously attractive. I thought sympathetically of other heads, in both the main-

tained aid independent sectors, facing a fimilar barrage, particu-larly the headmistress of a small rural prinary school, who has no deputy in whom to unload her administative cares, and who, as vell as deiphering acronyms and completing forms, still teaches her children most of what they know, and who will certainly be blamed if one of her seven-year-old charges is caught in flagrante delicto it a condition of illiteracy.

I woncered whether the British public, encouraged by the Parents Charter and noble thoughts of "performance indicators", had any ideatof the ordest inflicted on teachers by the new generation of zealous educational reformers, with thei unlimited access to new

ideas ani photocopiers. The experience of hectic reform

paper it has engendered has done much to unite the maintained and independent sectors. We have had centralisation of curricular and examination control; the 1988 Education Act, with all its implications for the increased independence of maintained schools from local education authorities; the Children Act; the Parents' Charter; and the continuing subjection of all schools to the prevailing pressures of the market.

All these developments have given schools a varying but acute crisis of identity, and have given the best teachers, and heads, a new administration burden.

If parents and children are increasingly referred to as "cus-tomers" and "clients", to be wooed by the schools as the "sellers" of education, what is left for the concept of collaborative parenthood, which has traditionally associated the teacher with wisdom rather than with salesmanship?

If heads are to be assessed on their capacity to manage, what is the future for those whose first love has been for teaching and pastoral care? Such questions affect all schools: maintained schools, in the first place, because they are more directly subject to education legislation, but independent schools



Sharing: Father Milroy finds that the maintained and independent sectors are learning from each other as their teachers wade through the red tape

because they are part of the national provision, inextricably involved in curricular and examination reform.

The concerns of both sectors are increasingly on converging lines. The Headmasters' Conference, the association representing inde-pendent boys' schools and those with a co-educational dimension, and the Girls' Schools Association are closely affiliated to the Secondary Heads Association, whose membership is largely from the

maintained sector. The associations' headquarters are in shared premises in Leicester. There is cross-representation on all committees, there is a constant exchange of information on good practice and on all education issues, and, as is becoming clearer every day, there is a growing consensus on the main

hese include, above all, concern about the future of the teaching profession, the future of the curriculum and of examinations at the 16-19 stage, and the funding of education at all levels. They also include an over-riding

concern to retain or, where neces-

sary, to recover the sense that

school is a place for the inculcation of a balance between humane values, true learning and good behaviour. These issues are linked. Teachers' moraie and status are inseparable from the environment in which they work, from the vocational tasks expected of them, and from the skill with which the legislators regard both the strengths and the shortcomings of the present A- and AS-level system. In all these areas, the associa-

tions of both sectors have common views and shared initiatives. In the face of a sceptical government, the sectors have worked

together to develop strategies for

responding to teacher shortage and to suggest a variety of imaginative and flexible courses for pupils aged 16 to 19.

independent schools learnt much from the experience gained by state schools in implementing staff appraisal and pupil achievement records, while state schools are having to learn some of the skills that go with independence. This interchange is typical of the benefits of a mixed system. Both sectors are often subject to vehement criticism, over falling standards or fostering privilege. As the head of a Catholic public school, my principal experience of

this "complementarity" has been through my collaboration with heads of Catholic state schools. I have found that all our main concerns are shared - above all, that the transmission of a spiritual and cultural tradition should not be presented as the sale of a commercial product, and that the primary emphasis in all schools should remain on the cultivation of goodness rather than success.

DOMINIC MILROY The author is the headmaster of Ampleforth College and chairman of the Headmasters' Conference

Tories' last chance for reforms

Worries over academic freedom may yet prevent

two bills from going through

before the election

Dilong two education bills though Parliament with a geteral election in the off-ing was always risky for the government. Failing to get legisla-tion on to be statute book could cause disafection in key constituencies and chaos in further and higher eduction.

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> Polytechnis have been waiting to become universities, further education coleges to become independent, and the schools reforms will bring no hort-term popularity. Now it is possible that neither group's ambiton will be fulfilled before the election.

Last week's debacle in the House of Lords when government amendments or ministerial powers over univesties had to be withdrawn beine they were defeated, has again raised questions about the wistom of pressing ahead with such speed. New clauses will have to be ready by next Monday if the government is to be spared even more embarrassment on academic freedom:

Lord Belstead, the Paymaster-General, avered a backbench revolt by Tory peers during the report stage of the Further and Higher Education Bill only by promising to reconsider clauses considered a threat to the universities' independence. He had introduced amendments intended to answer criticism that the bill allows the education secretary to. interfere too nuch in university affairs. Miniserial orders would not be issued or specific courses or



'Everyone is seeking a sensible balance'

ALAN HOWARTH

research programmes, but only on their duration. However, Lady Young, a former Conservative education minister,

says the redrafting does not go far enough. She and three backbench colleagues presented an alternative, which Lord Belstead says he will consider before the third reading next Monday.

Lady Young's formula would satisfy the universities' demands that new powers are limited to the minimum needed to ensure accountability for public money. The education secretary would be able. to intervene in a university's affairs only if he was not satisfied with the

conduct of its finances. Lady Blackstone, Labour's education spokeswoman in the Lords, says: "These clauses should never have been there in the first place, but a redrafting would be better than no movement."



A promise to reconsider clauses that are a threat

LORD BELSTEAD

The Lords' determination to keep the independence of universities has caused more trouble for ministers than the more overtly political issues. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, could not resist trying to undo the damage done by the Lords when Kenneth Baker's 1988 Education Reform Act was taking shape, however. The diluting of clauses giving the government powers to intervene in universities was to be reversed in

the name of public accountability. Ministers insist that this was cessary to ensure that action could be taken when institutions were heading for the financial rocks, or the length of degree courses started to creep up. increasing the strains on the public purse. The measures have provoked all-party opposition, however, adding to the uncertainty facing polytechnics and further



The clauses should not have been there anyway'

LADY BLACKSTONE

education colleges. Polytechnics are already talking to the Privy Council to ensure that they can take their university titles as soon as possible after Easter, and several are referring to their proposed names in promotional literature. Andrew Smith, Labour's higher education spokesman, says the bill is likely to be a casualty of an early election. Labour would not accept an agreed bill in the event

of an election if any threat to academic freedom remained. The timetable is already tight, and parliamentary procedure is preventing the bill reaching the Commons before the middle of next month. An April election would leave no time to bring the bill back to the Lords If the government was defeated next week. Government business managers insist there is time to get the bill through, but If an early



'The bill is likely to be a casualty of an early election'

ANDREW SMITH

election is called, ministers will press Labour to accept the whole

Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, says that drafting a satisfactory compromise is difficult, but the government will try to produce improvements before the third reading. "Every-one involved in the debate is seeking the same thing - a sensible balance between two valid principles," he says. "One is the securing of academic freedom; the other is accountability through the secretary of state for the substantial sums of taxpayers' money

provided to higher education."

The universities would not be sorry to see the bill run out of time. The polytechnics and further education colleges, however, fear the planning blight they would face if they lost their new status.

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The assisted places scheme offers the chance of a place at an

Take independents out of the shadows independent school to children

ONLY in Britain are independent schools thought to cast a shadow over education. Elsewhere, in-dependent schools are valued and public subsidy.

Even in as socialist and galitarian a nation as Australia. about 30 per cent of children go to independent schools, which receive substantial government funding. Within the European Community, Britain is the only country not to have constitutional safeguards protecting parental choice. Germany and Italy give tax relief on school fees. In Belgium and The Netherlands, independent schools are almost fully subsidised by the

In all these countries, independent schools' contribution to society is recognised, and parents' wishes to send children to them supported. Yet independent schools in Britain have been threatened at successive elections by the prospect of abolition, or of a financial squeeze which would put them beyond the means of almost all parents.

The Labour Party has abanloned its policy of outright abolition, but both they and the Liberal Democrats intend to abolish the assisted places scheme and remove charitable status from independent schools.

Public opinion is more gen-erous and realistic towards independent schools. Politicians would do well to listen: if most independent schools were driven out of business, our national education system would be poorer. Our concern should be to make education better for all, not to impoverish the whole system in order to strike at a few on ideological grounds.

whose parents could not afford to pay. It has benefited thousands of children since 1981, yet its cost to the taxpayer is only £135 per child per year. Abolishing the scheme will make negligible savings, yet will disappoint and frustrate thousands of families.
Independent schools benefit

from charitable status, but they return more in scholarships and bursaries. In 1990, the benefit from charitable status was less than £41.4 million, but fee aid given by schools totalled more than £55.3 million. Changing charity law will raise independent schools' costs and reduce their ability to offer bursaries, putting independent schools out of reach of all but the most affluent.

There is no typical independent school. There are selective urban day schools, academically the very best in the country: there are rural boarding schools: schools catering to particular philosophies: religious foundations; day schools admitting a majority of below-average ability pupils: specialist music ballet, dance and theatre schools. The schools are as various as are children.

Independent schools have consistently co-operated with maintained schools in curriculum development, in tackling teacher shortage, and in catering for special educational needs. These schools have led the way in business studies and modern and classical language teaching. No country can afford to throw away the excellence of the independent sector, or the opportunities it offers to children.

It is the children, after all, whom we should place at the forefront of educational policy.

AVERIL BURGESS The author is headmistress of South Hampstead High School.

Publicans' school that grew out of hardship

Licensess are still encouraged to use the school set up for their children's benefit,

but today the emphasis is on quality

ome publicans, even today. need to use a school that was set up for children of licensees sufering hardship. Many independent schools came: about because a group of craftsmen or trademen wanted an appropriate and reliable education for their chidren. Today, few schools offer a direct service to the children of the profession that

founded them. The Licensed Victuallers' School in Ascot, Berkshire, however, owes its origins, not to a medieval guild, but to the depressions of 18thcentury London: The Friendly Society of Licensed Victuallers — now the Society of Licensed Victuallers (SLV) - vas set up in 1794 to help publicats distressed by

illness, age or poverty.

The main revenue source was the Publicans' Miraing Advertiser, still in existence as the drinks

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industry journal. The Morning Advertiser was a success from the start. Every member of the friendly society had to buy it daily, and in its first quarter it made a Ell1 profit, almost three times a tradesman's annual income.

Not long after its inauguration. the friendly society saw the need for a school and the first Licensed Victuallers' School (LVS) began, opening in Lambeth, south London, in 1803. The school now has 700 pupils in a new building on a 26-acre site. The school caters for pupils aged five to 18 and and has been co-educational from the start so that families

could be educated together.

About a third of the 700 pupils are boarders including weekly boarders, and most boarders are saries given by the drinks industry.



boost to 13-year-old Daniel, an

only child, as much in social as in

academic terms, Mrs Turner says.

"Publicans' children tend to be

publicans' children. The other pupils' fees make up the school's main income; but publicans who apply through the SLV have "substantial" reductions in fees, the difference being made up by the SLV. The school also benefits from money raised by affiliated charitable groups, and from bur-

Publicans are encouraged to use surrounded by people who are he school if they wish. This was a older than them," Mrs Turner the school if they wish. This was a welcome option for Peter and Shirley Turner when they became young people around him." dissatisfied with their son Daniel's progress at school. The school is a

says. "I think Daniel needed more She says Daniel's school work has improved and that he is also "more outgoing and confident" since he started as a weekly boarder at the LVS in September.

Daniel has got to know other

publicans' children at the school, which is good — they do have fairly different lifestyles from most child-ren," she says. "They are left to their own devices a lot and risk becoming isolated, because their parents have such a lot to do and work unsocial hours."

John Powell, the headmaster, says the pupils mix well. "Because our fees are comparatively low and we admit from a wide ability range, we have a bigger mix of parents than you might expect in a private school," he says. The parents range from machine

fitters to managing directors. The publicans, too, are more diverse than one might expect. Some pay nothing because of great hardship, others are prominent businessman in their own right," Mr Powell says.

Full fees for junior day pupils are £3.078 a year and up to £7.074 for full boarders. Senior fees are

£4,158 and £7,371. Mr Powell, a former house-master at Marlborough College, finds the unusual mix of backgrounds and abilities to be the main difference from other schools. "They are part of the school's fascination," he says. "but many problems of education are the same as for other schools. In particular, the Children Act as it relates to boarding schools and the national curriculum has caused us a lot of extra work. But the staff have been marvellous.

Changes in the brewing world have also brought extra work for the school, whose rules state that it must take the children of publicans in distress on a 24-hour basis. Mr Powell says: "It does happen, and is likely to happen more frequently in the future, with the structural changes in the brewing industry.

Emergencies notwithstanding, the school provides an everyday refuge. You have to remember that a pub is a place where the parents are working when the child is home." Mr Powell says. "A pub may be in an inner city or even a red light district. We supply a safe and secure background.

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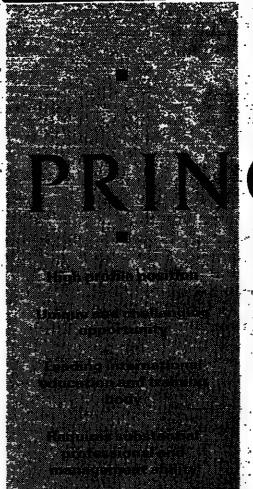
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THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Just what the doctor ordered

Employing 87,000 people, the industry is the third highest contributor to the balance of payments, and is one of the most efficient in Britain, Pat Blair reports

Britain is dependent upon drugs. As a contributor to our balance of payments, the pharmaceutical industry is among the top three, hard on the heels of the petroleum companies: in 1990, mediciand pharmaceutical products contributed £1,000. million to the nation's wealth, compared to the oil industry's £1,223 million; these were surpassed only by power gen-erating machinery, with a trade surplus of £1,733

The industry's success stems from a number of factors, but also stands as a tribute to the quality of British scientific research in biotechnology and pharma-ceuticals. Of the 87,800 people employed in the industry. 18,390 - or 21 per cent work in research and development (R & D), -

Britain's leading research role is borne out by figures from the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI): in the 20 years to 1990, 413 innovations known as new chemical entities (NCEs) - were intro-duced to the UK market by 93 national and international companies. Of these, 71 NCEs were discovered and marketed by British companies.

The seeds of success were sown more than 40 years ago, says Professor George Teeling-Smith, director of the Office of Health Economics, an organisation set up by the. industry as an independent

We attracted American investment in the 1940s and 1950s," he says. "It brought in their very efficient management techniques and approach to pharmaceutical innovation and marketing.

"Instead of remaining a rather sleepy industry which the French and Germans have tended to be -Britain, from the 1950s on-wards, quickly learned from the Americans the positive, forward-thinking methods

that proved very useful." For more than 30 years. Professor Teeling-Smith maintains, it has been by far the best-organised and managed sector — and highly efficient, "in sharp contrast to most other British industries, I'm sorry to say".

Britain has also streamlined its resources. "The Germans and French have literally hundreds of small laboratories still trying to discover new medicines. We've concentrated our research into a small number of groups." That concentration, Professor Teeling-Smith says,

The seeds of success were sown more than 40 years ago

has led to Britain's achievements in life-saving, worldbeating products.
"British-owned companies

have been successful because they have been internationally competitive," says Peter Lumley of the ABPI. "Eighty to 90 per cent of their revenues comes from overseas.

They've had good R & D and have been able to keep in the forefront of innovation; because of that, their producus have been international-The period between discov-

ery and a return on investment is, however, lengthy. "We are always talking about long timescales, particularly when you are looking at a change in the way you actualsays Isobel Hoseason of ICI. "Nolvadex, our breast-cancer drug, was a prime example; it was a totally new class of drug. It's been on the market for 20 years and we're still talking about it."

While drug companies look far into the future, governments faced by spiralling drugs bills are understand-ably keen to hold down current prices and the burden on public expenditure. Several things militate against them. First, development costs have soared. The industry estimates that while discovery of a major innovative medicine cost about £50 million in 1985; by 1990 that had escalated to £120 million, due to site costs, salaries and the range and duplication of studies to meet international licensing requirements.

Second, even if the cost of individual medicines remained stable, the overall bill would still rise because older people on average use more medicines than younger people, and the elderly popu-

In Britain, the government has sought to contain costs by limiting the list of medicines available on NHS prescription. It now also requires NHS doctors to prescribe by generic or non-branded name so the cheapest available version of the medicine is dispensed. Some countries have introduced indicative prescribing, which spells out for doctors a drug-cost limit for treating an allment - they have to justify any breach of

Since 1957 Britain has operated the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme, a sophisticated system for regulating drug company profits. Amended in 1969, it takes account of research costs and of the risks involved. Professor Teeling-Smith says: "On the whole, it has shown a



Tried and tested: 80 to 90 per cent of pharmaceutical revenues comes from abroad

driving the industry to great-

200d understanding of the economics of the industry." Looking to the future, Stew-art Siddall, who in April takes over as ABPI president, sees more streamlining ahead. "It makes sense to spread the cost by merging. R & D programmes, and the best way to do that is merge companies."

A second reason is the fragmented nature of the industry internationally. "The largest company in the world, the American Merck Sharp and Dohme, only has about 4 per cent of world sales, a small proportion compared with industries such as automobiles or oil. This is all the future.

er consolidation." British-based companies, already big players in the world market, are in a strong position to move into such a eague. A key factor is investment, and there is competition to attract it. "Action taken now will not show its effects until ten or 15 years hence," Mr Lumley says. "If you take too stringent a measure to control healthcare costs at the moment, that in turn restricts the amount of money and incentive for commarketolace.

panies to go on investing for

Japan is turning its atten-tion to pharmaceuticals. "We would like to see the government encourage inward investment by the Japanese,' Mr Lumley says. "It is inevitable that they want to move into Europe, to broaden their base. If we can attract the European investment, that must be to the advantage of the British economy and the taxpayer, because they will provide jobs and generate exports to the rest of Europe and the international

Paying for health care

Michael F Drummond discusses the real cost of providing treatment

he potential demand for healthcare is limitless. This is a simple truth which is accepted by all sides in the great political debate about the UK's National Health Service. Regardless of how much funding is tiable desire to be treated.

This fact, coupled with the tighter financial scrutiny which now prevails throughout the world's major healthcare systems, has led health planners into a new and highly sensitive field. Medicines in particular, and health resources in general, are now increasingly subjected to comparative economic

For example, will there be an overall increase in the level of health in the community if resources are switched away from one drug to another? Or away from drug treatment to surgery? Or away from treating a particular therapeutic area to the building of a new geriatric ward?

To earn its licence, a new drug must prove its safety, efficacy and effectiveness. But increasingly the pharmaceutical industry is also providing economic analysis to justify the sometimes daunting prices it attaches to groundbreaking new therapies. Indeed, such evidence is mandatory under Australia's licensing rules, and a requirement of some European countries' drug pricing

ennaures. The industry argues that its prices reflect development costs, and a level of profit sufficient to stimulate further research. But from the point of view of the NHS manager and thus the British taxpayer - are drugs costeffective?

Inevitably, the answer de-pends on who you ask. In the treatment of high cholesterol, or hypertension, a long-term

drug course may appear ex-pensive to the GP who prescribes it but can lead to savings in secondary care by preventing heart attacks and strokes. Indeed, to the NHS a stroke is on average one of the most expensive events to

Similarly, a 1981 study into the treatment of ulcers. by leading health economists AJ Culyer and AK Maynard, compared the cost-effectiveness of prescribing the drug cimetidine with that of surgery. As a result, surgery is now employed only in very complicated cases, or where resistance to the drug is encountered.

Such analysis can, however, entail emotive ethical decisions about the value of human life. But in general health economists only use monetary terms to evaluate costs, such as doctors' time, diagnostic tests and drugs, and employ a range of other methodologies to measure effect, such as improved mortality, reduced pain and less time spent in

It is not, therefore, life per se that is being assessed, but changes in survival probabilities or changes in the use of NHS resources.

Even the simplest aspects of health-care, such as methods of providing oxygen in operating theatres, are increasingly subjected to rigorous economic analysis. The aim is to achieve the maximum amount of benefit from a given budget.

It may not be easy to answer whether or not drugs are cost effective, as healthcare resources are subject to more and more scrutiny it is essential.

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Few researchers believe that an Aids vaccine will be ready before the end of the century, Thomson Prentice says

Novel designs and strategies

people worldwide are believed by expens to be infected with HIV, the virus that causes Aids, and the World Health Organisation expects the number to quadruple within the next eight years.

The spread of HIV is seen as one of the biggest threats to global health of this century and probably the next.

The response from the pharmaceutical field is led by zidovudine, formerly known as AZT, and marketed as British-based manufacturers. While other products are on the way from rival companies, zidovudine remains the only licensed drug in Britain, and most other countries, for the treatment of HIV

The drug began life as a compound isolated in 1964 as a potential anti-cancer agent, and for the next 20 years received little attention. Then, in 1984, the human immunodeficiency virus was identified as the causative agent in Aids.

That finding prompted Burroughs Wellcome, the American subsidiary of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd. to begin screening a range of its compounds for one that might be effective against the virus — and they came up trumps with zidovudine.

The first clinical trials with Aids patients began in the United States in 1985. Since then, the drug has been used in about 130 such trials. involving more than 20,000 patients. It is now used in more than 70 countries and is by far the most extensively studied medication for use against HIV infection, in both adults and children, and as a single agent and in with other

The drug slows the progression to Aids by about twothirds in patients with early stages of HIV-related illnesses and prolongs the lives of those with Aids. It also reduces the frequency and severity of the opportunistic infections that strike HIVinfected patients.



Encouraged by trials: Professor Paul Griffiths thinks that a cocktail of drugs for Aids could make the disease manageable within a few years

zidovudine is far from the perfect answer to Aids. It neither prevents nor cures the fatal disease. It can have severe side-effects, the most serious of which is bone marrow suppression leading to anaemia. As a result, some patients need blood transfusions and others need to have the treatment withdrawn, or the dose reduced.

The drug is also expensive, and its high price means that. globally, it is far beyond the reach of the great majority of HIV carriers and Aids sufferers. Ironically, in the view of some researchers, zidovudine may contribute to the spread of HIV by keeping carriers healthier, and thus potentially capable of infecting others. for longer periods of time.

The best hope in the near future may lie with combination therapy, in which "cocktails" of drugs, including zidovudine, will be used to combat the wide range of HIV illnesses while attacking the lethal complexity of the virus itself. The rationale is to increase activity against the virus and avoid greater toxicity and drug resistance. Clinical trials are already

cocktails could make Aids a

under way with combinations of zidovudine and the antiherpes drug acyclovir, the anti-cancer agent interferon and the American-developed anti-virals. DDC and DDL. According to Paul Griffiths, professor of virology at the Royal Free Hospital. Hampstead, London, such medically controllable disease, as manageable as diabe-

tes, within the next few years. That view is regarded as over-optimistic by some of his peers, but Professor Griffiths has been encouraged by the results of trials using zidovudine and acyclovir.

he latter drug, also made by Wellcome. appears to act against cytomegalovirus, or CMV, a member of the herpes family, and a common opportunistic infection in HIV cases. The findings are, however, unclear.

"If we can find the right cocktail, of perhaps three or four drugs, Aids, like diabe-tes, can be brought under control. We believe CMV is

Before then there will be one co-factor in the development of HIV disease and enormous problems in testing it on human volunteers, to there may be others," he says. Caroline Akehurst, co-ediensure its safety and efficacy.

Those studies alone will span tor of Aids Newsletter, proseveral, perhaps many years. The scientific hurdles will duced by the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Disbe matched by ethical and practical ones. Who should eases, London, says: "Combination therapy has been an get the vaccine first - the attractive proposition for millions of Africans who pressome time now. Major adently are most at risk but vances have been made but least able to afford it, the we need novel designs and smaller but growing numbers strategies and international in southern Asia, or their collaboration to make the relatively rich counterparts in best use of our resources." The struggle to overcome

America and Europe? Yet such issues are, for the moment, irrelevant, both to those with HIV and to the international network of researchers whose more immediate target is to find better



Virginia Bottomley: ensuring good value for money

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remarkable track record in discovering and developing the products that matter in health-care. Three of the top six best-selling medicine worldwide were researched in the UK.

As a result, pharmaceuti-cals have taken the lead in the export drive over the past decade with a balance trade surplus in 1990 of El.1 billion.
The pharmaceutical in-

dustry is continuing to build on this unrivalled record of achievements over recent years with the help of the government which is keen to see the industry thrive. But we must also look at

from the point of view of the taxpayers, and the users of medicines. Their interest is in the highest quality drugs which are effective and which give value for money. The government's aims

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competitive market • To recognise the position of the pharmaceutical industry, in particular, by continuing to support research. We have adopted a range of policies which produce a

coherent overall system, in

safe licensing, and the indicative Prescribing Scheme and the Selected List, which promote rational prescribing. Britain controls the price of handed medicines through the Pharmacentical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS). It is a voluntary scheme, agreed with the industry. The current reement runs to October this year. We take a pragmatic just at the PPRS, but also the experience of the Indicative Prescribing Scheme, and proposals from the European

ON PATENT protection, w believe the agreement reached in Europe in December 1991 offers both sides a reasonable outcome and has gone a long way to resolving the differences between in-

The government will still exert controls on pricing, but the industry has a role to play in influencing how they op-erate, for the Association of British Pharmaceutical Inwith negotiating the PPRS with the government.

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before the end of the century.

Drug patents, however, are not clear-cut (Pat Blair writes). They are taken out at various stages of formulation, as well as different presentations of the compound - as an injection, tablet or a slowrelease form, for example. They are also taken out in different countries - and patent periods are by no means uniform. European Community countries have just agreed a new 15-year

period of patent protection. Between them, three main centres hold patents on the world's top 50 products: the United States, 29.8 per cent; Japan, 12.8 per cent; and Europe. But of the European countries. Britain holds patents on 27.6 per cent of the top 50, while the rest of Europe has 29.8 per cent.

Complex and expensive court battles-

over rights are not uncommon according to Britain's pharmaceutical giant Glaxo, are:

Renitec (blood pressure); the anti-arthritis drug Voltaren. (known as Voltarol in Britain); Capoten (blood pres sure); Adalat (angina); (peptic uicers); (cholesterol); (blood pressure); Tagamet Mevacor Tenormin . Naprosyn (arthritis) and Cardizem (angina). British companies hold the patents on three of these. Leading the field is Zantac

Zantac, used for peptic ulcers;

developed by Glaxo and introduced in the UK in 1981 and the US in 1983. Since its launch, Zantac has captured 40 per cent of the ulcer drug market and has world sales of £1.6 billion annually. Its patents run until 2001:

Tenormin is the leader of, ICI Pharmaceuticals' stable. It was launched in the UK in 1976, and in the US five

years later. The British patent has since run out, while the patent in the US for hypertension lasts to January next

have some residual patent. protection: Spain, Yugosla-via; Nigeria, New Zealand. In 1990, Tenormin's sales value was £650 million.

year. After that, according to Isobel Hoseason, of ICL, "we

The ulcer-drug Tagametits generic, or non-branded name is cimetidine was introduced in the UK in 1976. By last June, Tagamet held 16.8 per cent of the UK market value in its class, the H2 antagonists, and 23.2 per cent of the US market value. The first UK patent expires in March. Patents have expired in Germany, although will not

lapse in the US until 1994. The jewel in the crown of the German company Bayer is Adalat - the chemical compound nifedipine - launched in Germany in 1975, and in the UK in 1978. The chemical the formulation patents, such as its slow-release presentation Adalat-Retard, still have some time to run. World sales are around £950 million, 680 miltion in the UK.

Annual worldwide sales of the Swiss company Ciba-Geigy's Voltaren were SwFr 1 billion in 1990. Launched in Europe in 1974 and in the UK in 1979, the patent expired in 1986 but its cash-market share in any formulation.

stands at 25 per cent.

"Patent protection is one area that the industry must have, because you can spend fortunes on product developsuccess," Stewart Siddall, the president elect of the Associ-ation of British Pharmaceutical industry, says. If you do come up with something it dearly is essential that you nave a reasonable period in only on that but also on the research and development of products that did not make it."

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Against that background.

Amgen, one of the young biotechnology companies specialising in genetic engi-neering, has pulled off a remarkable coup. It has taken a major drug from the laboratory bench to the bedside in five-and-a-half years. The achievement earned

the scientists the UK Prix Gallien recently. This is a significant accolade, the European biomedical industry's oscar" for innovation. The prize recognised the enormous leap in biotechnology, for producing a new family of pharmacologically valuable molecules.

In particular, the trophy marked the use of the technique in developing a radical new of drug, Neupogen. When injected, the new compound reinforces a patient's immunity to infection and enhances the treatment, of leukaemia and other cancers. by chemotherapy.

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Although anti-cancer drugs are an increasingly vital weapon in the fight against disease, the agents used in chemotherapy can attack fast-growing healthy blood cells as well as their malignant targets. The new

drug overcomes the problem. The discovery marks a new generation of medicines because it is the result of genetic engineering techniques, which depend on cell cloning and gene splicing. instead of the convention way of synthesising potentially useful molecules in the testtube by mingling together various chemicals, the biotechnologists are manipulating "biologicals", or extracts obtained from serum and the cells of animals and

Aragen was formed in lated into an injectable drug

great achievement 1980, and is an American company based at Thousand Oaks, in California, with international offshoots, including a branch in Britain on the Cambridge Science Park But the story behind Neupogen began 30 years

ago with studies by an Australian. Dr Donald Metcalf. at the distinguished Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, an internationally prominent research centre in cellular and molecular immunology and cancer.

He recognised the cause of one of the most frequent troubles encountered by scientists in laboratory studies. which involved growing colonies of blood cells in a testtube. Dr Metcalf realised a special biochemical factor stimulated the reproduction of blood cells in the body, and demonstrated that it must be present in the serum when growing cells in a culture dish on the laboratory bench.

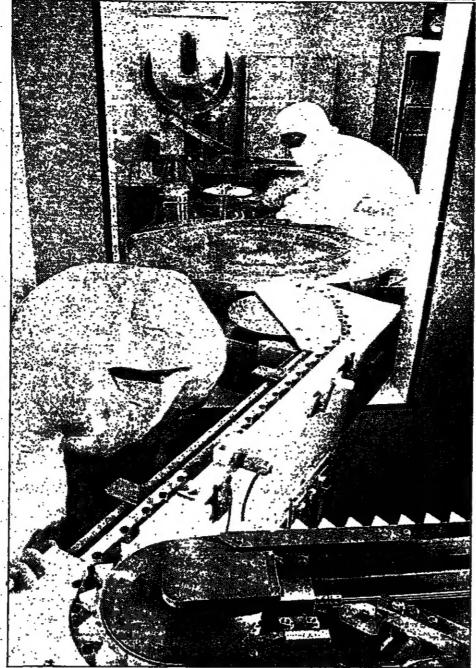
he mystery substance was given the name colony stimulating factor, CSF. Subsequent research by the Melbourne team showed how it was implicated in precipi-tating a complex chain of

. However, the body only produces tiny amounts and it was another 15 years before CSF molecules were identified, purified and analysed.

Then the researchers characterised this biochemically powerful molecule as a glycoprotein hormone. Recent research has even established that a gene on chromosome 17 is responsible for the creation of the stimulating factor.

The advance that is opening the way for scores of comparable human biological agents to be produced in large quantities, is the development of recombinant DNA techno engineering. Amgen's scieninserting DNA into cell cultures, which then produce CSF when grown in vats.

Elaborate procedures are employed to obtain pure extracts in medically useful



Clean room conditions: the product is dispensed into vials using a filling machine

in the form of Neupogen and given to a patient, the agent reinforces the body's

In fact, the active ingredient of the new drug is granu-locyte colony stimulating factor, G-CSF. It works by stimulating a feeble immune system to generate white blood cells specifically. The white cells are essential to fight infections, but are depleted after treatment with chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer and other

Normally, bone marrow is responsible for producing a thousand billion white blood cells a day. Without an adequate level of white blood quently endure the side effects of chemotherapy. The most potent cytotoxic agents used to kill malignant cells also prevent bone marrow from making fresh white blood cells, as well as attacking those circulating in the blood. Consequently, patients may be deprived of their first line

of defence and left prey to general infections. A course of treatment with G-CSF costs £500. But by preventing infection, chemotherapy patients can be discharged from hospital 10-15 days earlier than without the medication.

n 1985 scientists at Amgen isolated the gene responsible for the human G-CSF which activates the production of white blood cells. The gene was inserted into cells of the bacterium E. coli, to create a master "seed" lot kept in a deep freeze.

Batches of seed cells are innoculated into flasks of culture medium in which they phase is large scale produc-tion in big fermentation tanks, at which stage the cells produce G-CSF.

After fermentation, the culture medium and cells containing G-CSF are concentrated, filtered and centrifuged. When the cells containing the G-CSF protein are separated from the mixture, recovery of the product involves breaking the cells open by heating to extract the protein from the cell debris. Final purification occurs by passing the material through a sequential chromotography column to remove any remaining contaminants.

The G-CSF product then provides the key ingredient in formulating a medicine. After laboratory tests, Amgen began clinical trials in 1986. By the end of 1990 more than 1.000 patients had received treatment in 40 clinical trials at 150 centres. Neupogen took only five

years from cloning of the G-CSF gene by Amgen to betion on the NHS. At a meeting of health service managers. Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said the NHS was ready to pay for medicines like Neupogen which, though expensive, prove cost-effective. A 14-day treatment begins within a day of the start of chemotherapy.

Endless search for magic new potions

For drug companies who spend millions trying to develop miracle cures the rewards can be massive

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miracle drug is any drug that will do what the label says it will do. Eric Hodgins, the late American columnist, once quipped. One wonders what he would make of headline-grabbing reports on the possibilities of new drugs, without labels, from biotechnology and the

comforted to know that the frontline medicines available to doctors are the result of tried and tested classical

Of the top 50 drugs in the world, 48 are of synthetic origin. Three of the five top prescribed medicines in the world were discovered and developed in British laborato-

The global market of medicine is estimated at £60-70 billion a year; with 80 per cent of the trade in the industrial countries, including the former Soviet bloc.

The leading drugs include 14 for heart disease, 13 antibiotics, four anti-ulcer compounds, three painkillers and tranquillisers, three for rheumatism and arthritis and three for asthma and chest diseases.

On the other hand, there are limited or no effective drug theraples for cancer, viral infections, Alzheimer'stype senility or Parkinsons, osteoporosis, atherosclerosis or the vast range of inherited disorders. Drug developers cannot make breakthroughs to order.

Indeed, little more than a decade ago the process of discovery was a distinctly hit and miss affair. Even today. in a typical year the research laboratory of a major phar-maceurical company will, by laborious screening, synthesise 2,000 to 3,000 new chemical entities in the hope of finding one with useful medicinal properties.

Only a handful of the thousands of original entities fabricated go on to further testing, with about one in 10,000 eventually reaching the market as a proprietary

Estimates for the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry suggest that the cost of unearthing a major innovative medicine 1985 to £125 million in

A sizeable effort also goes into finding improved copies of known molecules, but with enough of a variation to pass the natent test of representing a genuine inventive sten over its competitor.

Nonetheless, more rational

proaches to drug design have been devised by eminent re-searchers such as Sir James Black and Sir John Vane. They investigate the underlying biochemical disorder of a

Of the top prospects for gene therapy.

No doubt he would be 50 drugs in the world. 48 are of synthetic

> disease that has to be corrected, rather than just hoping to stumble across a compound

ecules to treat disease goes through several stages: identification and production of a novel active ingredient; refinement of its performance in terms of potency, selectivity

to neutralise the symptoms.

As a rule of thumb, the search for new chemical mol-

origin

the recent fortunes of Glaxo, the best performer of any British company in the past 12 months.

scribed pharmaceutical.

Yet only 25 years ago relief, such as it was, depended on attacking the symptoms with counter antacid potions, sedatives and eventually surgery.

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The Reverend Edward Stone's interest in willow bark started clinical pharmacology, Pearce Wright reports

Looking for a remedy

ver the past two or three years an array of reports has appeared on the idea that an aspirin a day keeps heart failure away. Large studies have suggested this remedy can confer some protection on a significant number of people at risk of heart disease and stroke.

If aspirin were the latest production of research, its possibilities would send a drug company's stock soaring. Aspirin can apparently can be traced back to Hippocrates and also to the north American Indians, who took extract of willow bark for relief of the fever and pain of ague. However, it was the Reverend Edward Stone, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, who brought more scientific minds to bear on the subject in 1763.

He submitted a brief letter to the Royal Society asking that extract of willow bark "may have a full and fair trial in all its variety of circumstances and situations, and that the world may reap the benefits accruing from it".

Even though the active ingredients in willow bark, the salicylates, were not synthesised for years, the formal studies into their usefulness prompted by the Rev Stone have a claim to be the start of clinical pharmacology.

In 1899 the most impor-

th 1899 the most important derivative, acetylsalicylic acid, better known as aspirin, became available. In the 1960s, aspirin was the most widely used pharmaceutical product in the world, with an annual production in the United States alone of 15,000 tons. The sheer scale of its use partly accounts for the panic when it was found that excess doses could cause internal bleeding, kidney damage and could even somehow be responsible for Reye's syndrome, an unusual but life-threatening illness in

The aspirin has since regained its respectability. But only after an expert in modern molecular biochemistry, and a recent Nobel Prize winner for medicine, Sir John Vane, then at the Wellcome Trust, discovered how aspirin



Fair trial: the toxic suite of the chemical development pilot plant. This is where the full-scale manufacturing process is designed and perfected

and many important nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs work. They block the production of a group of chemicals called prostaglandins, which are a current area of biomedical research.

The removal of aspirin, in 1988, from the World Health Organisation's list of essential drugs may be a disservice provoked by the drug's earlier

On the other hand, there are scores of other compounds vying to fill the slot. And the number is about to grow rapidly. As a result of the swift expansion of genetic research, biomedical scientists are on the verge of an unparalleled development of a generation of techniques and products for diagnosis and therapy.

Genetic diseases, such as cystic fibrosis, appear to be on the verge of solution. The first moves have been taken in the Us in correcting gene disorders by transferring the missing gene from human healthy donor tissue to a recipient. The first trial was treatment of a rare fatal blood disorder.

In Britain, the government has sanctioned trials to replace defective genes in somatic cells. The initial experiments will probably involve extracting bone marrow from a patient and replacing it when the missing gene has been restored.

As the latest review of

genetics research shows in the Medical Research Council's journal, MRC News, in less than ten years the genes responsible for almost all of the most common inherited disease have been identified: Duchenne muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, haemophilia A and B, neurofibromatosis, Huntington's disease, familial polyposis of the colon, infantile spinal muscular atrophy and others. More important, many have been isolated and cloned, making them potential candidates for gene therapy.

Only a handful of biotech-

Only a handful of biotechnology substances created by genetic engineering have reached the consulting room. They include human growth hormone, genetically engineered insulin, tissue plas-



Sir John Vane minogen activator clotbuster, TPA, and erythropoletin for stimulating red blood cells.

But these substances are based on large and complicated polypeptides or protein molecules. In comparison, the established drug companies concentrate on mass market products for treating common illnesses by small synthetic molecules that can be swallowed.

be swallowed.

Clinical trials are in progress on 50 novel thera-

peutic agents produced by biotechnology. The largest single group is based on reproducing monoclonal antibodies, Mabs, in cell cultures which have the unique ability of homing in on a particular tissue, organ, microbe or molecule in the blood. Hence, they can be used as the carriers of a cytotoxic, cell killing com-

ic bullet"-type drug.

Since the immune system of a human being can, if required, make any one of ten million different antibodies, tapping this vast resource for biotechnology purposes has scarcely begun. The cloned antibodies in therapeutic use are aimed at treating various types of cancer, sepsis and sentic shock

ound, in devising the "mag-

Pioneering work at the Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, unlocked the first door in discovering how to produce specific Mabs. Research at the laboratory in the past year has found even simpler methods to start a new generation of

Mab agents more appropriate for clinical use.

In addition to Mab products, more than 400 clinical diagnostic devices based on biotechnology are in routine use. They include tests for pregnancy, salmonella, hepatitis, legionella, ulcers, rheumatoid factors, Aids and genetic fingerprinting.

genetic fingerprinting.

Millions of pounds have been poured into biotechnology. The high-flyers are mainly in the US, with 40 companies valued at more than \$100 million. But Britain has a handful of promising players, with British Biotechnology, in Oxford, and Celltech, in Slough, doing well. They are are working on illnesses such as ovarian and breast cancer, Aids, arthrifis and other inflammatory disorders. Pfizer's central research division at Sandwich, Kent, is the group's largest research establishment outside the US and is one of the

biggest in the UK.

There is great optimism among the biotechnology ploneers, but as an industry it has yet to come of age.

All the way from Detroit

Parke-Davis celebrates a hundred years of business in Britain

THE Parke-Davis research unit at Cambridge is a long way from the brash Detroit of the 1380s, where Mr Parke and Mr Davis planned a business invasion of Victorian Britain. It is a long way, too, from Hervey C Parke, pharmacist, and George S Davis, salesman, with their plant extracts of uncertain reliability — which worked after a fashion although no one was sure how or why — to today's scientific teams and biologically engineered designer molecules.

But there is a link. When Parke and Davis took an alkaloid from Bloodroot — Sanguinaria canadensis, a flower of the American forest — and sold it in bottles as Sanguinarin, an emetic and expectorant, they had already realised the problem with botanic medicines: like the plants from which they were made, such medicines varied in strength and effectiveness from season to season, batch to batch.

Doctors in the 1880s were beginning to demand quality, and go ahead pharmacutical companies had no use scientific methods and laboratory testing. Parke and Davis began to develop chemical tests to standardise their products by 1879.

By the time their company was 25 years old, a century ago, they had brought their know-how to Britain, the first United States invasion of the British drug industry. Parke-Davis, the longest established among the many American pharmaceutical companies here, has its headquarters at Eastieigh, Hampshire, a factory in Cambridge. Four-fifths of its British production is exported.

Alan Walker, its chief executive and regional president in Britain, is proud of the Cambridge connection. "It is a very impressive research unit, and we are doubling the size of it, doubling the minuser of people in it, bryesting almost another £10 million in it. It has close links with

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maire the technology with the university."

These days, Parke-Davis is part of a higger amalgamation of American and other companies, Warner-Lambert, which cover most things in a chemist from monthwash and toothpaste to cheming and, conch-mis.

There are two sides to research into medicines. Mr Walker says, drug discovery — or, increasingly, drug invention — and clinical research. Parke-Davis's drug discovery is mainly concentrated in their original home of Michigan, although it takes place in Germany and in Britain, too. Clinical research is a big part of their Rivista vals.

"ONE reason why Americans invest so much in the United Kingdom is the quality of research here," Mr

Watter says.

Any new successful medicine will have years of clinical research behind it. Mr Walker quotes a five-year trial in Finland involving 6,000 men and the controversial question of reducing heart attacks balancing lipids in the blood: "good cholesterol" against "bad cholesterol".

We took part; our dru showed dramatic reduction in heart attacks. The stud had to stop because the conditions of a trial mean there were, necessarily, to many people not getting the readers.

Parke-Davis's work on Alzheimer's disease has been going on even longer than that five-year study. "We have been researching the disease for two decades, and have made a breakthrough with what we hope will be the first effective drug to be marketed; Cognex. It is not perfect, not a cure, but if we can put it on the market it will beip people who, at the moment, have no real help, no hope of any therapy."

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Agreement is unenforceable

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> An agreement purporting to bind a vendor to continue to negotiate in good faith with a prospective purchaser for his property was unenforceable because of lack of

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Martin Walford, Charles Walford and Walford, Charles Walford and their company, Acquishion Corporation, against a decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Stocker; Lord Justice Bingham disseming) that the respondents, Mr. and Mrs Miles, had not been in breach of contract in setting their abstractions of the contract in setting their abstractions are setting their abstractions. photographic processing business and its premises to a third party. are not

Mr Philip Naughton, QC and Mr Angus Moon for the appel-lants: Mr Stanley Brodie, QC and Mr Edward Cohen for the LORD ACKNER said that the

appellants relied upon an oral agreement collateral to the nego-tiations which were proceeding to purchase the company and the land it occupied "subject to con-

The consideration for the oral

agreement was twofold: first, the appellants agreeing to continue the negotiations and not to withdraw and, second, their providing a comfort letter from their bank-For that consideration it was alleged that the respondents would terminate negotiations with any third party or considerations.

eration of any alternative with a view to concluding an agreement

with the appellants.

As thus pleaded, the agreement purported to be a "lock-out" agreement, providing the appellants with an exclusive opportunity to try to come to terms with the respondents but without expressly providing any duration for such an opportunity.

That claim was amended by

alleging in addition that it was a term of the collateral agreement. necessarily to be implied to give business efficacy thereto, that so long as they continued to desire to sell the property and shares the respondents would continue to negotiate in good faith with the

Thus the statement of claim alleged that not only were the respondents "locked out" for some unspecified time from dealing with any third party, but were locked in to dealing with the appellants, also for an unspecified

The justification for the implied term in the amended statement of

claim was that in order to give the collateral agreement business efficacy the respondents were obliged to continue to negotiate in good

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. It was conceded that the agreement made no specific provision for the period it was to last but it was contended that the obligation to negotiate would endure for a reasonable time, such time being the time which was reasonable necessary to reach a binding

The collateral agreement also contained no provision for the respondents to determine the negotiations, albeit that such a provision was essential. It was implied giving the respondents a right in determine the negotiations but only if they had a proper reason".

However, in order to determine whether a given reason was a proper one it was accepted that the test was a subjective one; did in the reason? Thus they could be quite irrational so long as they

behaved honestly.

Mr Naughton accepted that a the law stood and had stood for approaching 20 years, an agreement to negotiate was not recognised as an enforceable contract. That was first decided in Courtney and Fairbaira Ltd v Tolani Brothers (Hotels) Ltd. (1975) 1 WLR 297) and had

In the instant case, it had been sought to argue that the decision in Courtney was wrong. Although the cases in the United States did not speak with one voice, attention was drawn to a decision of the United States' Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, in Channel Home Centers, Division of Grace Retai Corporation v Frank Grossman ((1986) 795 F 2d 291) which raised the issue whether an agree-ment to negotiate in good faith, if ration, was

supported by considerate an enforceable contract. That decision was not of any assistance. While accepting that an agreement to agree was not an enforceable contract, the court appeared to have proceeded on the basis that an agreement to negotiate in good faith was synonymous with an agreement to use best endeavours and, as the latter was enforceable, so was the

That was an unsustainableproposition. The reason why an agreement to negotiate, like an agreement to agree, was un-enforceable was simply because it lacked the necessary certainty. The same did not apply to an agreement to use best endeavours.

That uncertainty was demonstrated in the instant case by the provision which it was said had to be implied in the agreement for the determination of the negotiations. How could a coun be expected to decide whether subjectively a proper reason existed for the termination of

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The answer suggested de-pended upon whether the nego-tiations had been determined in good faith". However, the concept of a duty to carry on negotiations in good faith was inherently repugnant to the adversarial pos-tion of the parties when involved

Each party to the negotiations was entitled to pursue his own interest so long as he avoided making misrepresentations. To advance that interest he had to be entitled to threaten to withdraw entitled to threaten to withdraw from further negotiations, or to withdraw in fact, in the hope that the opposite party might seek to reopen the negotiations by offering him improved terms.

Mr Naughton accepted that the agreement upon which he relied did not contain a duty to complete the negotiations. But that still left

the negotiations. But that still left the vital questions: How was a vendor ever to know that he was entitled to withdraw from further negotiations? How was the court A duty to negotiate in good faith was as unworkable in practice as it was inherently inconsistent with the position of a negotian party. It was there that the

uncertainty lay. While negotiations were in existence, either party was entitled to withdraw from those negotiations at any time and for any reason. There could thus be no obligation to continue to negotiate until there was a "proper reason" to withdraw. Accordingly a bare agreement to negotiate had no

His Lordship went on to make the following observations about "lock-out" agreements. There was clearly no reason in English contract law why A for

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department,

Ex parte Al-Sabah (Sheikh

The Home Secretary was emitted,

under the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (1989) (HC

388), to order the deportation of a

non-EC national on the basis of his conviction by the crown count.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice

Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice

Taylor) so held in a reserved

judgment on December 20 dismissing the appellant's appeal

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achieve an enforceable agreement whereby B agreed for a specified period of time not to negotiate with anyone except A in relation to the sale of his property.

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There were often good commer cial reasons why A should desire to obtain such an agreement from B. A might wish to guard against the risk that while he was investigating perhaps with not inconsiderable expenditure of time and money, the wisdom of offering to buy B's property. B

might have already disposed of it.

But that was a negative agreement. B by agreeing not to negotiate for the fixed period with a third party locked himself out of such negotiations. He had in no legal sense locked himself into negotiations with A. What A had achieved was an exclusive opportunity, for a fixed period, to try to come to terms with B.

His Lordship therefore could not accept Mr Naughton's propointo accept Mr Naughion's propo-sition that without a positive obligation on B to negotiate with A the lock-out agreement would be futile.

The agreement alleged in the unamended statement of claim contained the essential characteristics of a basic valid lock-out agreement, save one. It did not specify for how long it was

to last.
That deficiency could not be cured by saying that the obliga-tion not to negotiate with third parties should continue to bind the respondents "for such time as was reasonable in all the circumstances" for such a duty would indirectly impose upon the respondents a duty to negotiate in good faith. Such a duty for the reasons given above could not be

Lord Keith, Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed. Solicitors: Wedlake Bell: Tarlo

Jurisdiction to deport

non-EC national

from the refusal by Mr Justice Brooke on May 21 of his applica-tion for judicial review of the decision of the Immigration Ap-peal Tribunal upholding the Home Secretary's decision to deport following the appellant's conviction at the Central Crim-inal Court on February 1, 1980.

inal Court on February 1, 1989,

for three drug related offences

and one of corruption for which

he was sentenced to a total of two

years imprisonment.
LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR

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1989 Rules was subject to the

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The Court of Appeal so held quashing an order on the defenfant, Sean Smith, made by Mr Assistant Recorder Hallam in Sheffield County Court on December 6. 1991 committing him to prison for three months following his admitted breaches of an order made by the court in favour of the defendant's mother, the plaintiff, Christine Mary

Mr Philip Engelman for the lefendant, Mrs Elizabeth Walker

for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce had observed in Nguyen v Phung ([1984] FLR 773) that that was one more case in which the complainant is being deprived of the protection of the law as a result of the ignorance or in-efficiency of those in the county court responsible for taking the necessary statutory steps . . . We have been shown a series of cases.

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could so justify it; and whether an

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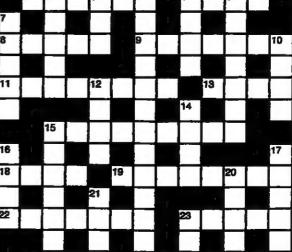
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However, the decisions of Hegarty v O'Sullivan (1985) 135 NLJ 557) and Linkleter v Linkleter (1988) 1 FLR 360) together made it clear that the position had been reached where there was a principle of discretion which held that an order which was defective in the way that this order was defective, by omitting to give details of the allegations of tempt found proved, could not

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (553). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Terry Wogan chairs the second of three debates for
election year This week it is the turn of the Liberal Democrats.
represented by Alan Belth, Matthew Taylor, Jim Wallace and

Simon Hughes, to face the audience of young people (s) (9621)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs (737)
8.00 Hay to December. Age-gap comedy romance starring Anton Rodgers and Lealey Dunlop (r). (Ceafax) (5689)



Pollinator and seed distributor: defending the fruit bat (8.30pm) 8.30 Wildlife On One: Flying Foresters.

 CHOICE: There are two kinds of bats, Sir David Attenborough helpfully informs us, and this film is about the bigger kind who are not found in Britain. They are known as truit bats or flying toxes. Both descriptions are accurate. As fruit eaters they can do enormous carmage to crops and are widely regarded as pests. In Thailand they also make a tasty meal and are held to be good for asthma. The film mounts a sturdy delence of the fruit bet, as a pollinator and a distributor of seeds. As well as destroying truit, the bats also play a crucial role in producing it. Some 70 per cent of the fruit sold in the markets of South-East Asia comes from plants which depend on bats for the pollination. The message is wrapped in the usual quality footage, including scenes of mating and staughter without which no Wildlife On One would be complete. Ceefax) (s) (4176)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceetax) Regional news

and weather (5319)

9.30 Panorama. Before flying off to meet the prime minister in London and to confer with the United Nations security council in New York, the Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, is interviewed by David

Dimbleby in Moscow (970911)

10.10 Match of the Day: The Road to Wembley. Highlights of one of tonight's FA Cup fourth round lies (328089). Northern Iraland

10.55 Cagney and Lacey: Dedication to Duty. Another adventure for the New York policewomen (r). (Ceefax) (417027)
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other (6755022) 12.20 Close

2.00 The Way Ahead. The second programme in the series explaining April's new benefits for disabled people (8748645). Ends at 2.15 12.25am Weather (6708428)

8.00 Breakfast News (1024008) 8.15 Westminster (1007331) 8.30 Antiques at Home. Michael Newman visits a Comish manor on Bocmin Moor, overlooking the village of Blisland, the home of Beryl and Michael Ward-Lee (r) (27114)

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (18172008) followed by Storytime (r)

2.16 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (499379). Northern Ireland: Harry and the Hendersons 2.46 Bitten by the Bug. Professor Erik Holm continues his exploration of the insect world

3.06 News and weather (4498379) followed by Songs of Praise from Skegness (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1779737) 3.40 I Could Do That. Setting up an office catering service (8012737) 3,50 Nows, regional news and weather (8001621)

4.00 Catchword presented by Paul Cola (s) (466)
4.30 Fatal Attraction. Richard Uridge investigates the seeming lascination in the Midlands for trespessing end vandalism on the

5.00 Behind the Headlines presented by Jane Corbin (7027) 5.30 Film 92 with Berry Norman (r) (a) (602) 6.00 A Question of Sport (r). (Ceefax) (a) (843)

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 Begins with The Presh Prince of Bel Air. Adventures of a

streetwise inner-city Pittsburgh youth who goes to live with his wealthy relatives in affluent California (758889) 7.05 Open to Question. Tom Sutherland, the Scots-born American hostage released in Lebanon last year, is questioned by an audience of young people (468718)

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7.40 Voices From the Past Siege of the South — Antarctica 1929 (b/w). Polar explorer Sir Douglas Mewson introduces his account of a voyage to Antarctica (871802)

8.10 Horizone in Search of the "Noble Savage".

© CHOICE: Primitive peoples are often called the world's original environmentalists, though it is not a compliment they necessarily accept. Devid Majone's film considers the claim in relation to the American Indian. Among its other standards guich as pobles. American Indian. Among its other stereotypes, such as noble savage and fearless warrior, the Indian has been seen as the guardian of mother Earth. Rayna Green, an anthropologist and Cherokee Indian, thinks the labelling of Indians as the first ecologists has to do with the grief of modern man over his inability to control the universe. The film attempts to assess the ecological track record of the Indians from the Badlands of Nebraska to the Chaco Canyon of New Mexico. At the same time it looks at contemporary Indians, including Sioux rangers learning modern wildlife management and Hopi tribes who want the convenience of electricity but refuse to plug into the white man's power lines.



The creator of Desert Island Discs: Roy Plomley (9.00pm)

9.00 Arena: Desert Island Discs. ● CHOICE: Any celebration of 50 years of Desert Island Discs should properly focus on the gnomic man who invented the show and took it through its first few decades. Anthony Wall's delectable film does just this, being as much a portrait of Roy Plomley as of his creation. It plays Plomley at his own game by setting him on a desert island, specially created in Ealing studios. It eavesdrops on his unvarying routine of eight records, a book and a luxury, as conducted with Frankle Howard, Paul McCartney and J.K. Gaibraith. Devotees will notice how the style has changed since Plomley's death. He was far too courteous to ask his guests about their prison sentences or their broken marriages. But the formula remains intact, exactly as Plomley thought it up in a cold bedsit during the second world war. Wall's film, first shown in 1982, has been updated to include the latest casteway, John Major (r)

10.00 The Pallbearers' Revue. Comedy with megic series presented by Jerry Sadowitz (s) (99331) 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (997973) 11.15 The Late Show ponders the myth of President Kennedy (s)

(690718) 11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (353350)

5.00 TV-am (6203282) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game show for teams, hosted by Alistair Divall (6070176) 9.55 Themes News (6645602)

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5.10 Blockbusters presented by Bob Holness (6373282)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (630621)
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7.00 Wish You Ware Here . . ? Judith Chalmers reports from Tenerife on self-catering and hotel holidays in the Playa de las Americas area; Josephine Buchan is in Lisbon; John Carter samples the delights of Newquey; and David Bellamy adds to the tourist traffic in the American makes of Newquey. es News. (Oracie) (621)

celights of Newquey, and Dever Bearny access to the country and in the Annapuma region of Nepal. (Cracle) (s) (1089)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (805)

8.00 No Job for a Lady. Benign but often perceptive political comed starring Penelope Keith as a Labour MP. (Oracle) (a) (1927)

8.30 World in Action. An investigation unearthing new evidence on the safety of breast implant products (9244)



Lost and found: Amanda Redman with John Bird (9.00pm

● CHOICE: The Costa caper is back for a third series, reiving lost Affred Molina, gained Amanda Redman and regained Kenneth Cranham. It seems a good deal Molina is a fine actor but pertisps better suited to plumbing the tragic depths of John Ogdon and Tony Hancock than coasting through a lightweight audience pleaser. Redman, playing the long-lost daughter of former policeman and Costa exile John Bird, gives the show a highly watchable leading lady, while Cranham's one-armed bandit was always to be relicited. The nity is that the channes have been watchable leating sury, while Cramman is one-timed barrion was always to be relished. The pity is that the changes have been launched with a tacklustre script which seems to take an age to come to its predictable point and relies too much on standard B-movie villains. There is a good running joke involving a cardboard cut-out of Bullseye host Jim Bowen but otherwise it is tepid fare. (Oracle) (a) (4398)

News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle)

Weather (26485) 10.30 Thames News (567331)

10.40 The Evening Standard British Film Awards, introduced by Clive Anderson from the Sevoy hotel, London. The guest of honour is the

Duchess of Kent (742350) 11.40 Magnum. The Hawaii-based detective has to help his former wife and daughter to safety before they are assassinated. Starring Tom Selleck (949621)

12.30am Sportsworld Extra presented by Tony Francis. Includes highlights of the weekend's football, both domestic and European (89190)

1.30 Film: The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (1982) starring Built Reynolds and Dolly Parton. Anodyne musical comedy based on the Broadway show about officialdom's afforts to close down a Texas bordello. With Dom Deluise as the comically puritan clean up crusader Melvin P. Thorpe. Directed by Colin Higgins (43393) 3.30 American College Football. Rose Bowl action (53935)

4.30 Stage 1. The bands A World Apart and The Farm in concert (s)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (35645). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6201824) 9.25 Schools (50239650) 12.00 Right to Reply introduced by Sheena McDonald. Debbie Jewish asks why Themes Television's The Truth About Women is transmitted at three in the morning (r). (Teletext) (s) (28398)

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12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money markets, presented by Susannah Simons (30176)

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (28331)

2.00 Profiles of Nature: Animal Aliens. Biologist and film-maker Tom Sterling tooks at the wide variety of rare and exotic animals from around the world that have adapted to life in the wilds of North

America (63640)

3.00 The Late Show, Dublin's music and chat show presented by

3.00 The Late Late Stow, Laber 5 interests of the Cay Syme (8008)
 4.00 How Does Your Gerden Grow? Philip Wood and David Wilson visit the garden of Shirley and John Beatite in Carrickmines, Co Dublin (r). (Teletext) (534)
 4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and simplest coins (71th)

and numbers game (718) 5.60 American Football: Highlights from yesterday's Super Bowl (s)

6.00 The Coaby Show. American domestic comedy (911).
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Rosa. The guests are Paula Yates talking about motherhood, hypnotherapist Robert Farago, and Jenny Eclair who recently underwent breast hypnotherapy treatment.

Music is provided by Smokey Robinson (263) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (859783)

7.50 Comment (221843)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (a) (8379)
8.30 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (a) (8379)
8.30 Dearmond's. Less than razor-sharp comedy set in a Peckham barbar's shop. Starring Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (6094)
9.00 The Falldands War: Trusting in Luck. Part three of the excellent history of the Falklands conflict examines the vulnerability of the British fleet with the lack of early warning radar and the demise of the Shetfield. (Teletext) 15840.

HMS Sheffield. (Teletext) (5640): thirty-connething. Addictive American drama series charting the

ups and downs of a group of friends in their 30s. (Teletext) (5027)



Musical solidarity against apartheid: Fingh Masekela (11.00pm) 11.00 Global Image: Blue Notes and Ediled Volices. A documentary about South Africans in edile who opposed apartheid and used music as a means of resistance and solidarity. Among those taking part are Pinias Saul, the Hugh Masekels Band; Louis Moholo, the Brotherhood of Breath and the Menryn Africa Culintet (s) (708331) 12.05cm Tonight with Jonethus Ross. Shown at 6.30 (4638751) 12.35 Films The Old Sorcenses and the Valet (1967). The first feature film of Martiniquan director Julius Amade Laou. A haunting tale of an old Martiniquan course in service who come to France with their

an old Martinionan couple in service who come to France with their colonial master. In Franch with English subtities (3861) 19). Ends at

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6.55am Weather and News

7.00 Moming Concert: Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor: Jacqueline du Pré, cello, Darvel Berenboim, piano)

7.30 News
7.35 Mendelssohn (Trumpet
Overture, Op 101: LSO under
Claudio Abbado); Copland
(Three Latin-American
Sketches; New Philitermonia

Sketches: New Philharmonia under the composer): Pranz Tunder (An Wasserfüssen Babylon: Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel, with Mana Zedelus, soprano), Mozart (Prano Concerto No 23 in A, K 488. Malcolm Bilson; English Baroque Solosts under John Eliot Gardiner) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Gustav Holst. Two Songs

Gustav Holst, Two Songs without Words (ECO under Imagen Holst), Suite No 2 in F for Military Band (Clevetand Symphonic Winds under Frederick Fennell); Capriccio

recessor Fenneu); Capricco (ECO under Imogen Hoist); St Paul's Suite (Guildhall String Ensemble under Robert Salter); Fugal Overture (LPO under Adrian Boult); Ballet music The Perfect Fool (LPO under Adrian Boult)

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Korody, with Julia Hamari, contrallo), Bartok (String Quartet No 2: Takacs Quartet);

Haydn (Symphony No 60 in C. Il distratio, Pruhamonis Hunganca under Antal Dorati)

Prano, left hand, and Orchestra. Bons Berman), Shostakovich (Symphony No 15) (ri 1.00pm News

from St John's, Smith Square, London, Davitt Moroney,

harpsichord, performs music by François Couperin and his

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1.05 BBC Lunchtme Concert: Live

11.50 BBC Scothsh SO under Fedor Głushchenko performs Prokoliev (Concerto No 4 for

9.35 Morning Sequence. Brahms (Hungaran Dances Nos 7-13 Vienna PO under Claudio

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RADIO 3

2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 Mahler (Symphony No 6 in A minor: BBC Philharmonic under Bernhard Klee) (r)
4.10 Hungartan Cello Mustic: Flichard Lester, celto, performe Kodály (Sonata, Op 4: with Susan Tomea, plano); Variess (Sonata) (r)

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4.50 French Organ Music: Melcolm Archer, on the Grove organ at

(Deuxième Suite, Op 27) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with

Michael Berkeley
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear in Madrid: Vicente
Molina Foix, the novelist and
literary menger of Madrid's
Testro Nacional Maria
Guerrero, talks to Michael
Billington
7.30 Scottish Chamber Orchestra

under Peter Maxwell Davies
performs Mozart (Symphony
No 34 in C, K 338); Peter
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Morrson); Mozari (Symphony No 36 in C, K 425, Linz) (r) Snapshots of Madrid: The first of four sound postcards about life in Madrid. Professor Filla

iranso and historian Dr Ronald Cueto discuss Madrid's architectural character with

schiectura craracter with Judith Bumpus

9.15 After Haydn: York Tho performs Haydn (Tho in E flat, H XV 29); Mendelssohn (Tho No 1 in D minor, Op 49)

18.00 The Outside in Festival: Nod Knowles introduces the second of time processors

second of five programmes recorded at the 1991 festival

at the Hawth Centre, Crawley Sussex. This week features

Sussex. This week features improvisations by the Brazilian guitarist Egiberto Gismonti, followed by the tino of Carla Bley, piano, Steve Swallow, bass, and Andy Sheppard,

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the

Week. Berlioz (Overture,

Waverley, Nuits d'Eté, Noctume: Vous soupirez, Madame?, Béatrice et

1.00-2.25em Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

Archer, on the Grove organ a Tewkesbury Abbey, plays Lemmens (Fantare in D); Bonnet (Pastorale, Elies, Romance sans paroles, Piece for organ, Op 27); Boëlimann (Deupièma Suns Co. 27)

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the Rev Nicholas Bradbury
6.30 Today, with Peter
Hobday and Sue MacGregor,
incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News, 8.55, 7.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.35
The Week on 4
8.43 Great Political Speeches:
Charles Wheeler recells John
F Kennedy's maugural
speech in 1961 8.58 Weather
8.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn

Bragg and guests (s)
10.00-10.30em The Year in
Cuestion (FM only): Hunter
Davies tests the knowledge
journalists from the Sunday

Express and the Mail on Sunday (a) 10.00 News: Daily Service (LW only) from Sourgeon's College,

London
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Psalms
74-92. David Suchet reads the
fifth of eight selections
10.30 Women's Hour, with Jerm

Murray, incl 11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411, with Vincent Duggleby.

Lines open from 10am 12.00 News, You and Yours, with John Howard 12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sheran

1.00 The World at One, with James

Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

Forecast
2.00 News, O'Rourke's First Case:
Play by Vincent Micherney
about a 40-year-old Liverpool

man who sets up in business

as a private detective on the

Enterprise Allowance Scheme only to be thrown into the

dangerous environment of the cntrinal underworld (s) (r) 3.30 Only Connect Professor Akbar

Ahmed talks to fifth of six

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recells the singing career of
Sandy Denny; and talks to the
actress Frances Barber (a)
4.45 Short Story: Walk Talk if You
Dere, by John Morrow. Read
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and Catherine Brighton
discuss children's book

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illustrations (r)
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political thriller plays a
spectacular trick with time.
His Rome of 370 AD has
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television sets and jet fighter that roar over the heads of occupying Goths and occupied Romans alike. We can get used to everything, even this dislocation of the calendar, and eventually, if all begins to make sense because Taylor is telling us that before we start calling others barbarians, we should be a hard look at ourselve The play's last line, given to Norman Rockway's pathetic hero, is as chilling as Winston's in Wineteen Eighty-

Four (s) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Casaidy (s) 9.59 Weather

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11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, Incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only) FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m:1089kHz/275m:PM-97.8-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90.2-92.4. Fladio 4: 198kHz/1515m:FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 683kHz/453m; 909kHz/330m, LBC: 1152kHz/251m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00em Steve Medden: The Early Show 6.30 Brief Hayes: Good Mooring UK?

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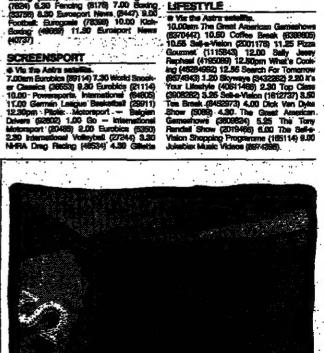
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